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CHRISTMAS EVE IN PARLIAMENT.

HOSTILITY IN PLACE OF GOODWILL.

SNOWDEN AND CHURCHILL IN TILTING MATCH.

SOME NASTY KNOCKS.

London, Dec. 24.
It is not with a very Christmassy feeling with which the Members of "the House of Commons" will adjourn for the recess.

They meet to-day (which is the first Christmas Eve parliamentary sitting for forty years) in an atmosphere of active hostility and not goodwill. They are indignant that they have not been given an opportunity before the recess for a general debate on momentous questions like finance, Egypt and the Singapore Base.

The Opposition had declared their willingness to sit on Christmas Eve to obtain their rights and the Government took them at their word, and now the Opposition, really not wishing to sit in Christmas Week, have hit back by putting down questions for nearly every Minister to-day.

Slashing Attack.

The plum of the proceedings is expected to be the debate between the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, and Mr. Winston Churchill, as the latter will reply to Mr. Snowden's recent slashing attack on his finance when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The statement by Mr. William Graham last evening on the Government's intentions as regards the Coal Mining Bill are going a long way to meet the Liberal demands in that connection, especially his declaration that the Government will see that the public are protected against a rise in the price of coal.

This, however, has not entirely healed the Liberal-Labor breach, as expected, but on the contrary authoritative Liberals have condemned the statement as vague, which shows that the Liberals do not intend to abandon their stiff attitude against the Bill. Hence, when Parliament reassembles a keen political battle may be expected.

The Government resents the Conservative obstruction and is annoyed with the Liberals, while the latter are angry that their offers to co-operate behind the scenes has been rejected.

Questions For All.

Over 100 questions were on the order paper of the Commons to-day, and not a single Minister was omitted by the enquirers. Hence, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and two of his colleagues were temporarily crowded out of the Front Bench.

The questions ranged from the habits of the grey seal to the brand of eggs served to Members. The replies were generally unimportant and evoked a stream of bantering supplementary questions from Members of the House, who were in holiday mood.

A debate on the Singapore Base followed.

Tilting Match.

Few bones were broken in the tilting match between Mr. Winston Churchill, an ex-Chancellor, and the present Chancellor, Mr. Philip Snowden, with which the Commons were entertained just before the recess.

Mr. Churchill had first "dig" and remarked that the City of London had given Mr. Snowden the Freedom of the City but it would probably have nothing left to give him after the Budget. The more Mr. Snowden was treated with honour and indulgence the more crapulous and dictatorial he became. England was celebrating its first Christmas under a Socialist Government and there were rising prices, declining wages, increasing unemployment and financial uneasiness.

Appropriate Pantomime.

Mr. Snowden congratulated Mr. Churchill on his appropriate speech at this time of pantomime.

DARING ROBBERY IN THE CITY.

THIEF SMASHES LARGE PLATE GLASS WINDOW.

ULLMANN'S \$400 LOSS.

A daring robbery was committed in the city just after seven o'clock this morning, one of the big plate glass windows of Messrs. J. Ullmann and Co., in Chater Road, being smashed with a hammer and eighteen gold ladies' wrist watches being stolen.

The thief, a Chinese, took advantage, apparently, of the watchman's temporary absence, and, with a fairly heavy hammer, smashed in the plate glass window nearest to the Savoy Hotel.

The window was badly broken, an exceedingly large hole being made. Right in the front of the window was a tray containing twenty gold wrist watches, a sale card on the tray indicating that the special price was \$24 each.

The thief grabbed all but two of the watches on the tray and instantly decamped, leaving the hammer lying on the pavement amidst a heap of broken glass.

An Indian police constable passed by the shop almost immediately afterwards and was the first to make discovery of the outrage. Police Headquarters were at once notified and a police guard was stationed outside the shop pending the arrival of the manager of the shop who was later communicated with.

The window also contained a number of other articles of jewellery, including silver dressing-table sets, clocks and silver ornaments, but the thief evidently thought that those were too bulky to carry away unnoted and contented himself with the haul of gold watches.

Some Chinese pedestrians state that they saw the robber running from the scene, and that he bolted up Pedder Street into Queen's Road, where he disappeared.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, no arrest has yet been made.

FRENCH AIRMAN'S MISHAP.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL IN RANGOON.

Moulmein, Dec. 25.
Rossi, the French airman, has been admitted to hospital in Rangoon for treatment to the injuries which he received when, with Le Brix, he jumped from a plane with a parachute, owing to bad weather.

It will be remembered that the two airmen landed on a mountain near Moulmein, Rossi being slightly hurt, whereas Le Brix landed safely. The plane and mails were destroyed.—*Reuter.*

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN NANKING.

PRESIDENT CHIANG WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMATS.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

The proposed military review on New Year's Day is cancelled, as it is feared that it will be impossible to clear the aerodrome of two feet of snow in time.

President Chiang will, however, receive foreign diplomats, who will be entertained the same evening by Dr. C. T. Wang.—*Canton News Agency.*

BRITISH OVERSEAS GARRISONS.

NO REDUCTIONS AT MALTA OR GIBRALTAR.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Recent reports of important reductions in the British overseas garrisons were the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. T. Shaw, Secretary for War, in replying said that no reductions in the military garrisons at Malta or Gibraltar were contemplated.—*Reuter.*

CHRISTMAS DAY ABROAD.

ROYAL FAMILY PARTY AT SANDRINGHAM.

HAPPY CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR'S ANXIETY.

RUSSIA DISCORDANT.

London, Dec. 24.
An extraordinarily mild and sunny Christmas Eve in London ended towards late evening in a steady downpour and Christmas appears likely to be a good day for the festive.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales left London in his own private light aeroplane yesterday at about noon and flew to Bournemouth, where he landed and then motored to Sandringham where a big Royal Family party is being held to-morrow.

The occasion will be in distinct and happy contrast to the situation a year ago when the daily bulletins regarding the progress of His Majesty's illness were drawing anxious and sympathetic crowds to the vicinity of Buckingham Palace.

Family Gathering.

To-day His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen will be joined by the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and Princess Elizabeth, their favourite grandchild, the Duke of Gloucester, Prince George, Princess Mary and the Earl of Harewood (formerly Viscount Lascelles) and their two sons.

The festivities at Sandringham will also be in the nature of a farewell party to the Prince of Wales, who is resuming his interrupted trip through Africa on January 3rd, and the Duke of York, who is leaving for Rome on January 4th to attend the wedding of the Crown Prince and Princess Marie Jose of Belgium.—*Reuter.*

Plenty of Christmas Money.

New York, Dec. 24.
The thrifty millions of people who have eschewed speculation are profiting from their prudence, a fact which is reflected in the plentifulness of Christmas money, notwithstanding the recent Wall Street crash.

Moreover, monetary gifts from immigrants to their European relatives are making a new record, but the Christmas card mails have declined by one-third compared with last year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Discordant Note.

London, Dec. 25.
A discordant note in the Christmas festivities has been struck by a report from the Tass Official Agency from Moscow, claiming that in pursuance of the Soviet anti-religious campaign, Christmas Day in Moscow was, for the first time, in the history of Russia, spent as an ordinary week-day.

Four-fifths of the workers were carrying out their usual employment in accordance with the recent scheme whereby all in Russia have a five-day working week. The remaining one-fifth were resting as they would normally do.

Gift to Government.

By the initiative of the workers and the masses, December 25th has been proclaimed a Second Industrialisation Day and the workers in the majority of the big factories have contributed their wages to the Industrialisation Fund.—*Reuter.*

In Hongkong.

Perfect weather prevailed in Hongkong on Christmas Day, with the result that there was much outdoor activity. Walks, tennis and golf were the order of the day, whilst in the afternoon a huge crowd gathered to see the football match at Happy Valley between teams representing China and Portugal.

The naval and military forces made merry during the day with numerous functions, whilst at night there were numerous private parties.

Large congregations gathered at all the churches, where carols were a feature of the services. At St. John's Cathedral the attendance was most gratifying, and the Bishop of Victoria preached an appropriate sermon dealing with peace and goodwill.

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SERIOUS BLAZE AT WHITE HOUSE.

PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES DESTROYED.

TWO HOURS' CONFLICT.

Washington, Dec. 25.
Exciting scenes occurred at the White House to-day when a serious fire broke out in the Presidential Executive Offices attached to the residence of the President and blazed for two hours before the strenuous efforts of the full resources of the Washington Fire Brigade put an end to the danger.

The Executive Offices were completely destroyed and the damage is estimated at \$560,000.

President Hoover's private papers were rescued from the flames, but many important records were destroyed. The White House proper, to which the Chief Executive's offices are attached by a passage way, were not damaged in any way, the Brigade isolating the fire without great difficulty.

The Offices burned furiously for two hours before the flames were overcome.

At the moment, no statement has been made regarding the possible origin of the blaze.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COAL MINES BILL CONCESSIONS.

A NEW CLAUSE TO BE INSERTED.

London, Dec. 24.
The scope of the concessions which the Government are prepared to grant during the Committee stage of the Coal Mines Bill were outlined last night by Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade.

He said that a clause would be inserted appointing Commissioners for the purpose of framing schemes of colliery amalgamation in different parts of the country. Further steps would be considered to protect the public in the matter of prices.

Mr. Graham said that the Government adhered to the view that the statements regarding the large increases in the price of coal due to the Bill were without foundation. He added that there was no objection to the insertion of a time limit for the operation of the marketing schemes under the Bill.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH OBJECTIONS TO TARIFF TRUCE.

PROTEST BY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

London, Dec. 24.
Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, stated in Parliament to-day that he had received a communication from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce protesting against the proposed tariff truce on the grounds that it would stultify the handicaps under which British industry laboured.

The proposed tariff truce, however, did not involve the stabilisation of existing duties but contemplated that during the period of the truce these should be treated as a maxima without prejudice to any action taken for their reductions.—*British Wireless.*

ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION.

SENATOR'S BITTER ATTACK ON ADMINISTRATION.

New York, Dec. 25.
Senator Borah, who is a prominent "Dry," has issued a statement bitterly attacking the administration of the Prohibition Department.

He declares that the Government should appoint honest officials if they really desire to enforce the law.

PRINCE GEORGE ON CHINA.

CHINA ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

HAPPY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FAR EAST.

MR. DODWELL SPEAKS.

Prince George made his first public appearance in London after his recent indisposition when he attended the annual dinner of the China Association, held at the Hotel Victoria, Lord Southborough, the president, occupied the chair.

Proposing the toast of the China Association, Prince George said:—It is my privilege to propose the toast of a great and important body, representing British and Chinese trade here and in the Far East, including those vast undertakings upon which commerce so much depends—the railways and shipping. For many years—some 40, I believe—you have played a very important part in cultivating those great commercial interests which have brought friendship, wealth, and employment to several generations of our people.

Tribute to Merchants.

Your organization has been remarkable for England and China are far apart, and the administration of such a vast business—watching markets, anticipating the demands of customers, and ensuring the delivery of all kinds of goods in a distant land, must have called for great administrative capacity. I do not say exceptional capacity, as what you have accomplished in the past has been just the kind of adventurous business for which we, as a nation, are so eminently suited. (Cheers.)

Needless to say, when confronted with heavy obligations, you have been fortunate in producing some remarkable men to deal with them, not merely men of business but students of life and character particularly suited to deal with the complicated affairs of the Far East.

Past Glories.

In other words, the opportunity has always found the man. Sir Thomas Wade, for instance, who was president in 1890-91, a great Chinese scholar of whom it is said that there are naval and consular officers still struggling with his text-book on China, even to this day. Sir Robert Jardine was another—the name of Jardine has been a household word in China from the earliest days of our commercial relations with her, and Sir Thomas Sutherland was closely associated with those mysterious letters—"P. & O." What recollections, sensations, even romances, do these two letters bring to mind of us. Then in the War came Mr. George Jamieson, and after him, Lord Incheurpe, Mr. Frederick Anderson and Sir John Jordan, the last a distinguished representative of Great Britain in China—a master of diplomacy, a man for whom, I believe, the Chinese entertained a special regard.

I mention these men as instances of those who have been closely identified with your Association. There have been many more. I refer to these, because they are prominent pictures from a portrait gallery—pictures of men whom you would desire to remember when you drink this toast.

I accept with a keen sense of pleasure the honour of saying these few words in proposing the China Association, and I feel myself fortunate in being the first member of my family to have that privilege.

Interest in Trade.

My appearance here to-night as your guest is due no doubt in part to my desire to become better acquainted with the origin and distribution of trade, which goes to enrich the Empire, and to make the acquaintance of men who shoulder heavy responsibilities which, in good and evil times, are necessary to keep our ship of commerce afloat.

Both as an officer who has served in the Royal Navy and as a civilian I am anxious, in these difficult days, to follow the questions of Empire trade generally.

With the China Squadron.

Apart from this, I am particularly glad to meet the members of the China Association, because I have

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ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PRESIDENT.

ASSASSIN KILLED ON SPOT BY ESCORT.

BUENOS AIRES AFFAIR.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 24.

A number of shots were fired at President Irigoyen to-day, in an attempt at assassination, by a man whom the President's guard felled and killed.

Later.

The man who attacked the President was an Italian anarchist named Marinelli. He was a house-painter.

Three policemen were wounded during the attack.

Later.

It is officially disclosed that Marinelli fired three shots at President Irigoyen from behind a wall when the President was motoring to the National Palace from his home.

The assassin's aim was faulty, but one of the bullets struck a Secret Service agent in the stomach and seriously wounded him, while the second wounded slightly an official riding with the President in the car. The third shot missed its aim entirely.

The President's escort without hesitation shot down Marinelli, no fewer than seven bullets entering his body.

President Irigoyen was elected President of Argentina last year for a period of six years.—*Reuter.*

ANTARCTIC WHALING MISHAP.

TWO CHASERS CRUSHED IN THE ICE.

Wellington, Dec. 25.

Commander Byrd's supply-ship, the Eleanor Bolling, which is at present lying at Dunedin, has received a wireless message stating that two chasers, operating with the whaling fleets of the Antarctic have been crushed in the ice.

The vessels foundered but their crews were rescued.

The ice is the heaviest experienced for many years.

The pack-ice covers an area of nearly two hundred miles wider than last year.

The whalers are finding the greatest difficulty in forcing a passage through the ice, but whales are plentiful outside the pack-ice, and good catches have been made.—*Reuter.*

LAHORE POLITICAL PROCESSION.

WITNESSED BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

Lahore, Dec. 25.

Hundreds of thousands of people witnessed a procession through the streets to welcome Jawahar Lal Nehru, the son of Pandit Moti Lal Nehru, President-Elect of the Indian National Congress, over which his father presided last year.

Jawahar Lal Nehru, who was on horseback, was escorted by "Volunteers," mounted and afoot, who, unaided by the police, themselves controlled the procession.

No untoward incident occurred.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH WARSHIPS IN CHINA.

MUCH FEWER THAN FOR TWO YEARS.

London, Dec. 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, replied to a question concerning British naval strength in the Far East.

He stated that there were at present 31 British naval vessels of all classes in Chinese waters, as compared with 60 in February, 1927, and 67 in February, 1928.

Mr. Alexander added that it was anticipated that the submarine depot ship Medway and four "C" Class submarines would leave for China in February next, and that two more "C" Class submarines would follow later in the year.—*Reuter.*

HOLIDAY SOCCER IN ENGLAND.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE'S FIRST DEFEAT.

SHOCK FOR SUPPORTERS OF PORT VALE.

SURPRISE RESULTS.

London, Dec. 25.
Christmas Day was not a happy one for Plymouth Argyle, their brilliant record of immunity from defeat coming to an end at Coventry. Only one goal was scored. This was the outstanding event in the full programme of football in the English League to-day.

Argyle had previously played eighteen league matches and two Cup-ties, crediting themselves with fourteen victories and six draws. They were the only undefeated team in the English and Scottish Leagues.

Another big surprise was the defeat of Port Vale, leaders of the Northern Section, before their own supporters. They were entertaining Stockport County, the only side which has managed to stick close to them in the race for promotion, and they lost by the odd goal of three. Stockport County are now six points behind with three matches in hand.

Manchester City's Fine Win.

In the First Division, Manchester City scored another brilliant win, defeating Aston Villa by two clear goals at Villa Park, while the Wednesday, Leicester City, Arsenal and Huddersfield all scored good wins on foreign soil.

There were only ten away wins in the forty-three English League matches, and five of them were in the First Division.

In the Second Division, home teams were definitely on top. Eight teams won before their own spectators, Preston North End scoring the only success away from home. Their victory over Bury was a fine performance.

High Scoring.

The Third Division (South) produced the heaviest scoring of the day. Fulham scored six goals against Bristol Rovers, Brentford defeated Brighton by 5-2, and Bournemouth scored 5 goals to one on their visit to Gillingham.

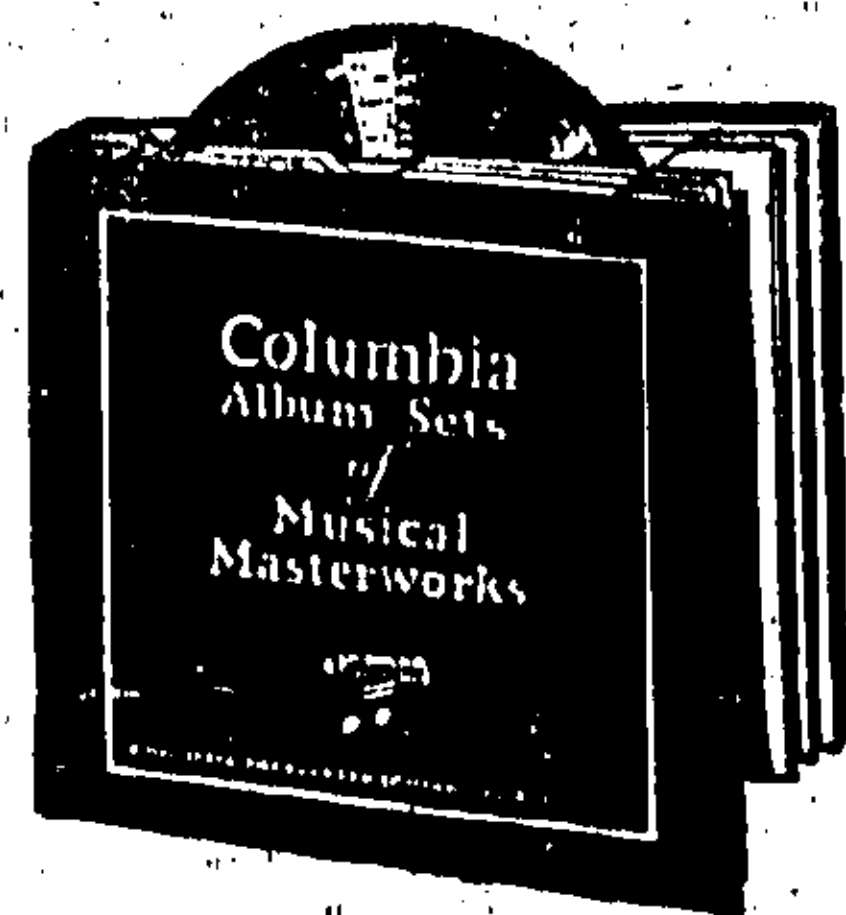
Five matches in the Third Division (North) were drawn. League positions near the head of the tables are not much changed. The Wednesday overtake Derby County and are runners-up to Manchester City in the First Division. Eight teams in the bottom half of the Second Division table won their games.

THE RESULTS.

The results in full, as cabled by Reuter, follow:—

First Division.	
Aston Villa	0 Manchester C. 2
Blackburn	5 Sunderland 3
Bolton	1 Burnley 1
Everton	1 Wednesday 4
Grimsby	1 Leicester 4
Leeds	2 Derby 1
Manchester U.	0 Birmingham 0
Newcastle	3 Middlesbrough 2
Portsmouth	0 Arsenal 1
Sheff. U.	4 Liverpool 0
West Ham	2 Huddersfield 3
Second Division.	
Blackpool	1 Chelsea 1
Bradford C.	1 Reading 0
Bristol C.	2 Cardiff 0
Bury	1 Preston N.E. 2
Darlington	2 Stoke 0
Millwall	2 Wexham 0
Nottingham	4 Barnsley 1
Oldham	5 Bradford 1
Swansea	3 Notts. County 2
Tottenham	3 Southampton 2
Third Division (South).	
Brentford	5 Brighton 2
Clapton	2 Swindon 1
Coventry C.	1 Plymouth 0
Fulham	6 Bristol R. 2
Gillingham	1 Bournemouth 5
Luton	1 Northampton 0
Methway	2 Watford 2
Newport	2 Torquay 1
Norwich	3 Queen's P.R. 0
Southend	1 Exeter 0
Walsall	0 Crystal P. 0
Third Division (North).	
Barrow	0 York 0
Crewe	2 Wrexham 0
Darlington	2 Accrington 4
Halifax	2 Lincoln 1
Hartlepool	2 Sh. Shields 1
Nelson	2 Carlisle 2
Port Vale	1 Stockport 2
Rochdale	2 Doncaster 4
Rotherham	2 Chesterfield 1
Southport	1 Wigan 1
Tranmere	3 New Brighton 1
Scottish League.	
Partick	1 Queen's Park 0
St. Johnstone	0 Dundee 1

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BREWER CASE.

THE SPEECH FOR THE DEFENCE.

"Very bad, accounting I agree, but not perjury" was the expression used by Mr. E. Davidson to sum up the case against Mr. N. I. Brewer at the Central Magistracy on Tuesday, when he addressed Mr. Grant-ham on behalf of the defendant for an hour and twenty minutes.

Yesterday's proceedings opened with the magistrate reading over the customary caution to Mr. Brewer, and the defendant said he wished to make no reply.

Mr. Davidson then addressed His Worship during which he said:

I am not reserving my defence, neither am I calling evidence, because the defence has been indicated in the cross-examination of the witnesses for the prosecution. If I call evidence it will unnecessarily prolong the proceedings, and will also have the effect of admitting that there is a case to go before a jury, and that we emphatically deny. It is really necessary to keep that clearly before you when examining any of the charges in this case. We are not here, strictly speaking, defending the balance sheet, and we don't say that this balance sheet is necessarily a good one from an accounting point of view. What the defendant is charged with is with making several false statements, which are alleged under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances to be crimes. I propose to deal with these charges together in my speech, because they are primarily and essentially the same in law.

The charges of perjury are in respect to the Statutory Report in which the defendant is charged with having knowingly and wilfully made statements false in a material particular. It is the same thing with the balance sheets, but they are in regard to several statements false in material particulars. The second charge, under the Larceny Ordinance also turns on the balance sheet, the defendant being charged with publishing a written statement that he knew to be false in any particular material. It has to be proved that the defendant made certain statements which he knew to be false. It is part of the burden of the prosecution to prove the state of the defendant's mind. Not only have they to prove that the statements are untrue, but they have got to prove that Mr. Brewer knew they were untrue. It is important to be clear about that.

"Defrauded Nobody."

After referring His Worship to a Kings Bench case which showed that opinion was not sufficient to prove a case, Mr. Davidson said there were two things to be remembered that were of great importance to the defendant. It had been pointed out very fairly by Mr. Fitzroy that the defendant had defrauded nobody, and that so far as could be ascertained from the books, and the knowledge gained in the full investigation, Mr. Brewer had not made a cent out of it.

In support of these charges the principal evidence was that of Mr. Ross and Mr. Agassiz, and it could not have escaped His Worship's notice they repeated "In my opinion I think." Mr. Ross qualified his statements with language that made it very clear that his evidence was a matter of opinion only. To prove the difficulty of proving the state of a man's mind and a charge like that, he would proceed at once to the first charge, that is founded on the Statutory Report. A Statutory Report was such which the law compelled the Directors of a Company to file at the very beginning of its career. This report was filed a year before the balance sheet, and at the beginning of the career of this Company, in fact on the date of the first annual General Meeting, and further was quite unconnected with the balance sheet. There was of course no suggestion that the Company was formed for the purpose of committing fraud. His client was entitled to the assumption that before that time he was an honest man, conducting the business of a Company honestly.

Mr. Davidson went on to point out that under the system which

SHOP FOKI FINED.

RETURN TO HIS EMPLOY- MENT AFTER THEFT.

A foki of a wooden clog shop in Canton Road was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Tuesday, with fraudulent conversion of \$29.50, the proceeds of 520 pairs of clogs, which had been entrusted to him to sell to customers.

It was stated that the consignment was taken on different dates and after collecting the money the defendant disappeared. He returned some days later and said that he had been to the country to engage another foki for the shop, although the mistress had made no intimation that she required another employee.

His Worship remarked that the curious part of the story was that the defendant had returned after having stolen the clogs.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sergeant Fitches said that the defendant probably thought that he would not be charged if he returned.

The defendant was fined \$30 or six weeks' hard labour.

the Company dealt with its shares was really advantageous to the Company. There was no arguing the fact that the transactions were treated as cash transactions, and Mr. Brewer admitted that the loans were treated as cash in the books of the Company. Mr. Ross clinched the whole matter when he said that if you assume the transactions are genuine, then they were treated correctly in the Statutory Report, and that was the assumption they were bound to make. If that was so it does away with the first charge straight away. They must assume that the transactions were genuine and that they were correctly treated in the Statutory Report.

Mr. Brewer obviously treated the transactions as cash receipts and he stated in the Statutory Report what he believed to be the truth. There was not a scrap of evidence to show otherwise, and it was of utmost importance to note that during his public examination, when asked by the Official Receiver to define cash, Mr. Brewer said, "We are not talking in the same language."

Mr. Davidson said he wished to show that there was no evidence to show that there was any perjury committed in the Statutory Report. On Mr. Ross's statement that assuming the transactions were genuine, they were treated correctly in the Statutory Report, he submitted that on that charge Mr. Brewer was entitled to be discharged in that Court.

"An Amazing Thing."

Before he dealt with the balance sheet he would like to make a comment. It was an amazing thing that one of the principal witnesses against Mr. Brewer so far as the balance sheet was concerned, was the authorised auditor, who was required by law to sign a certificate authorising and verifying the balance sheet of the Company. That witness would be as guilty as Mr. Brewer of perjury, if Mr. Brewer was guilty. That man swore that the balance sheet was true, and was one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution against Mr. Brewer, who was charged for perjury concerning the balance sheet.

Either they were both guilty, or neither guilty. He submitted that neither was guilty.

It had been held in Law that one could not be charged with perjury in the case where the construction of a deed was involved and it was the same with the construction of a balance sheet. There were no two opinions about that, and he submitted that for that reason, none of these charges could be sustained as a matter of law. Mr. Davidson then took the magistrate through the various items which the prosecution had referred to in their case, and said the items had been entered from the books as they stood into the balance sheet. That was the only



How He Does It.

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RESIDENT'S LOSS.

MONEY EXTRACTED FROM WAIST COAT POCKETS.

Mr. Summerhayes, residing at the Station Hotel, Kowloon, has reported the loss of a sum of money, stated to have been stolen from one of the pockets of his waist coat which was hanging in the Hotel hall during Monday night.

The waist coat was left on the stand in the hall at 8 p.m. on Monday and when the owner went for it again shortly after nine o'clock the following morning he found that someone had extracted a sum of \$90 in local currency as well as three cheques for the total value of \$64.70.

way to do it. Therefore it was very bad accounting he agreed, but it was not perjury, and it would be a miscarriage of justice to put a man in peril of a jury on charges of that sort.

Referring to the Collateral Securities, Mr. Davidson said that Mr. Ross considered that they were worth nothing, but there was not a shred of evidence to prove that. As a matter of fact, according to law, a lien on a Company's own assets was security.

Mr. Brewer was in the unfortunate and unusual position of having his public examination used against him, yet there was no evidence to show that he prepared the balance sheet.

Referring to the item of Stocks and Investments, Mr. Davidson said it was obvious that the value of the investments as stated in the books had to be put at the same value in the balance sheet. All that was done was to put in the balance sheet what was already in the books under the same denomination. Mr. Brewer did not knowingly and wilfully make a false statement. The value of the investments was purely a matter of opinion. They had not got to consider the opinion of Mr. Ross, but the opinion of Mr. Brewer which he held one and a half years ago.

His last point was to what extent, if that balance sheet was the subject matter of a criminal charge, was Mr. Brewer concerned? Mr. Brewer knew nothing about that balance sheet until it was published and the shareholders had passed it at a meeting while Mr. Brewer was absent.

Mr. Fitzroy, the Public Prosecutor, then addressed His Worship on one or two points of law, after which Mr. Grant-ham adjourned the case until Tuesday next at 11.30 a.m. when he will give his judgment.

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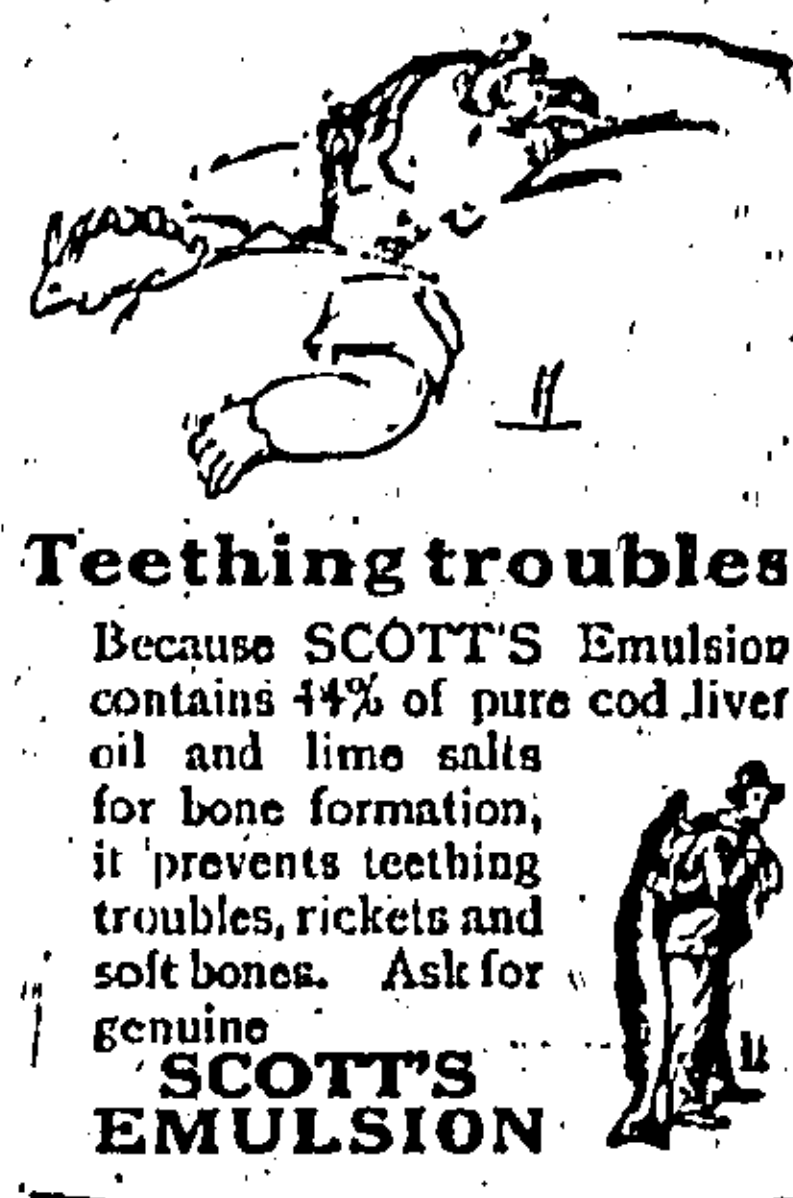
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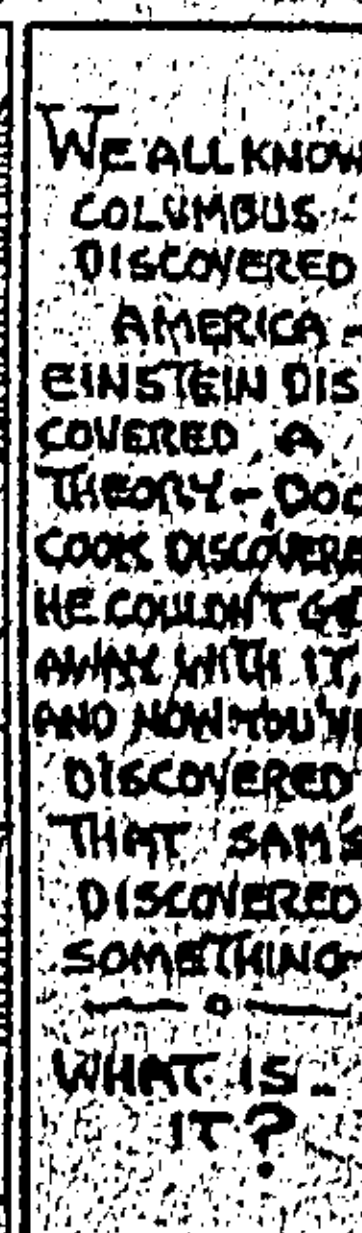
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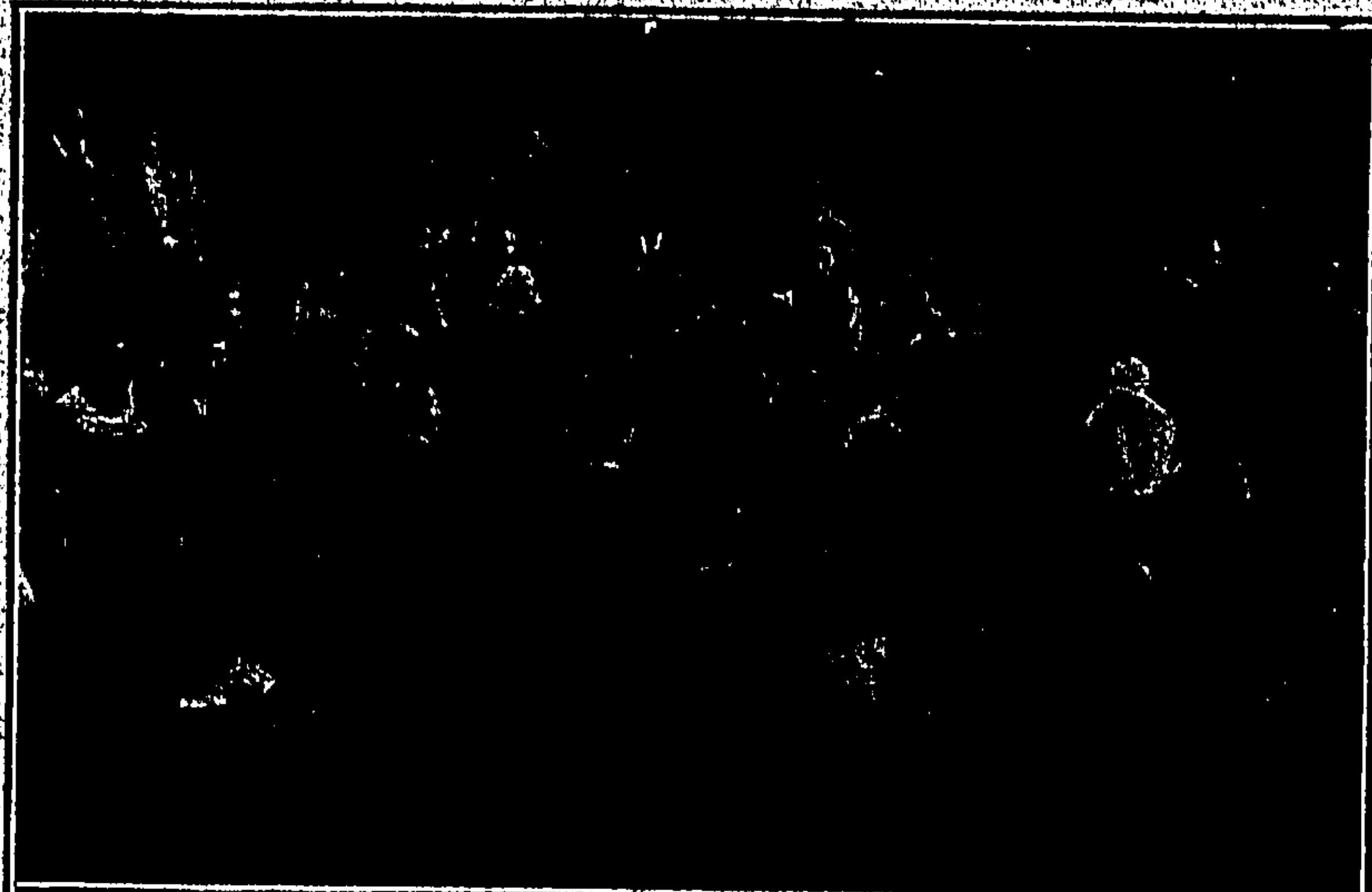
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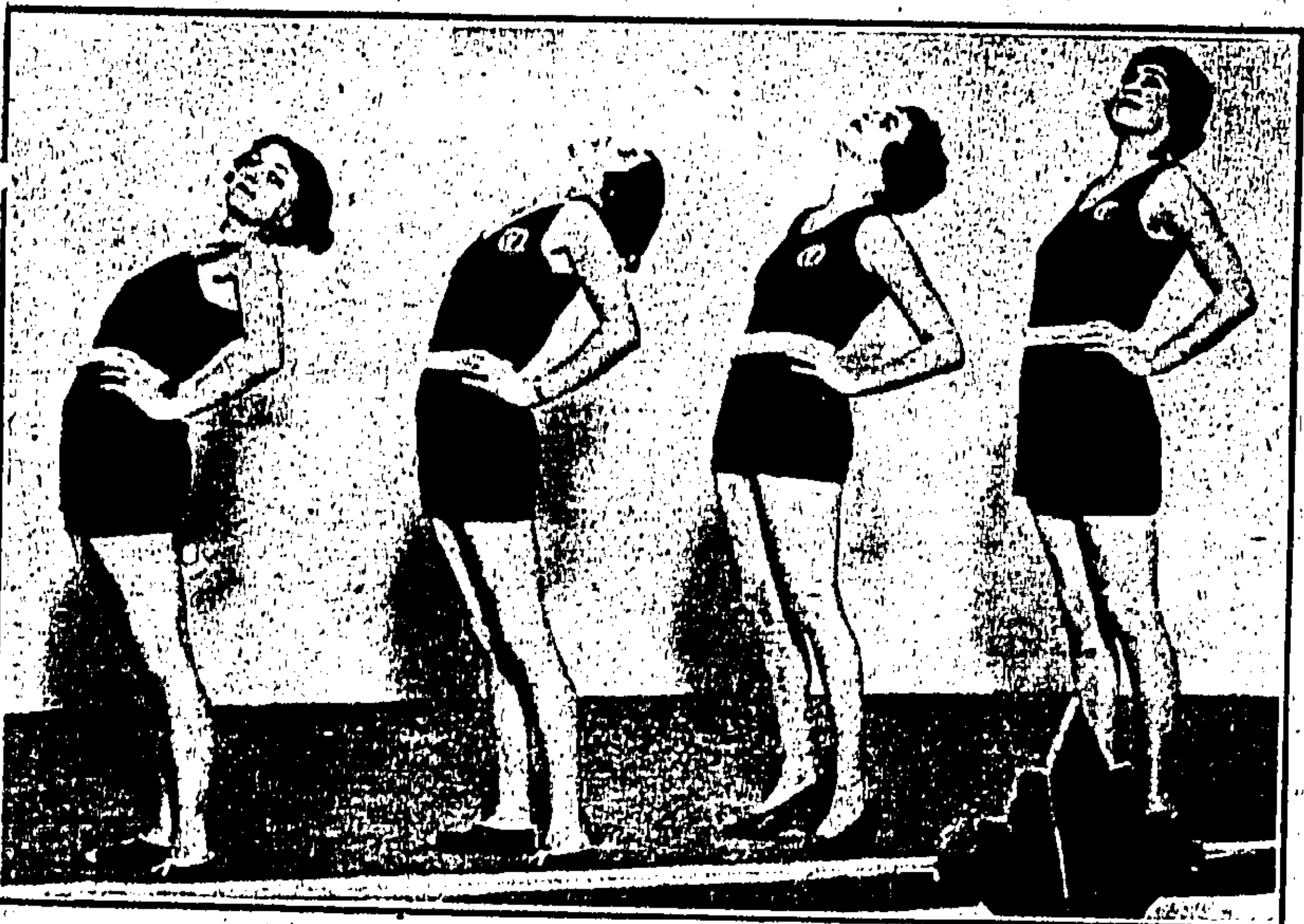


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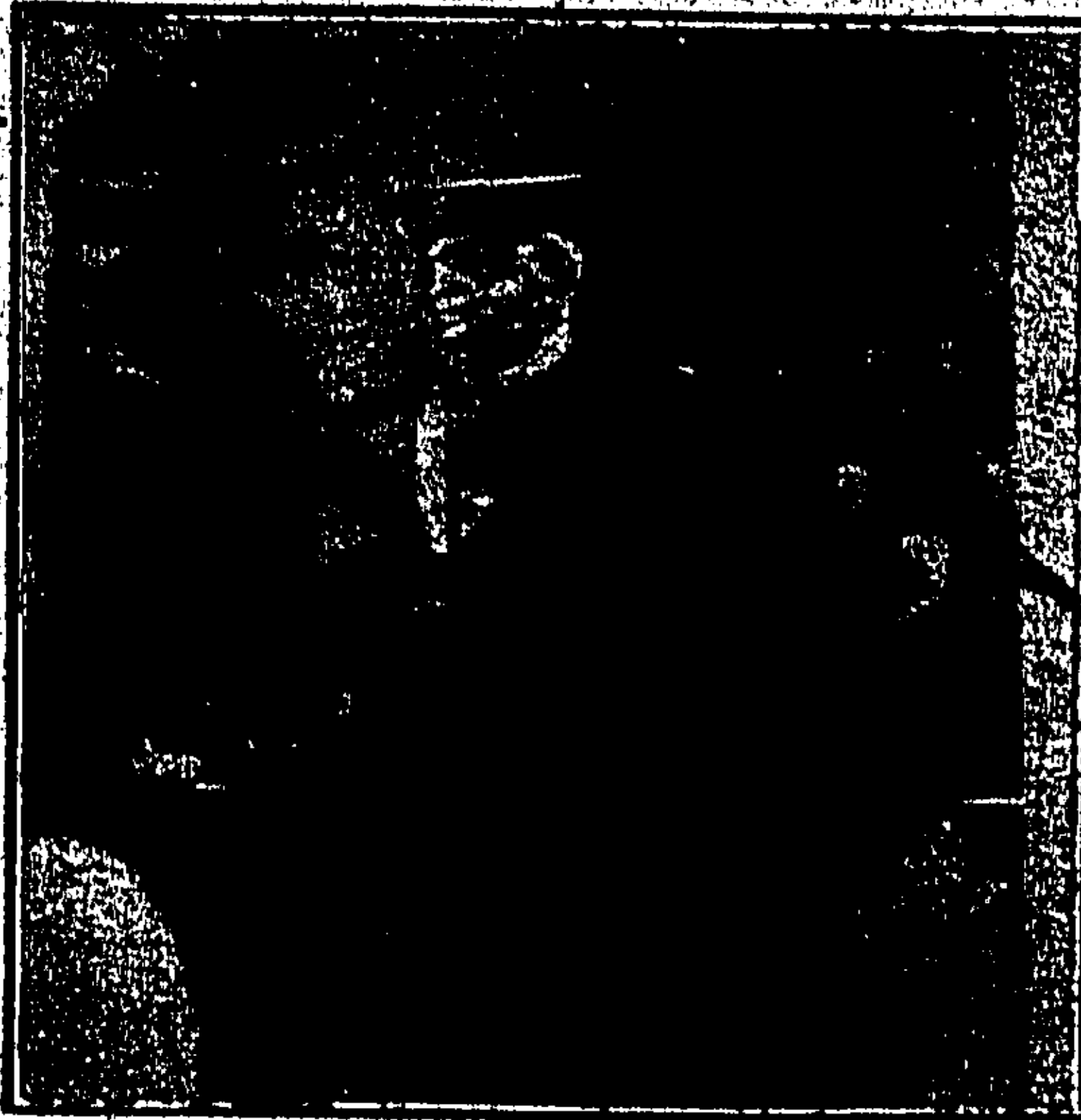
Madame Clara Novello-Davies' bathing girls performing a breathing exercise at the Second Annual New Health Exhibition, London. Madame Novello-Davies is a voice-specialist. The object of the exhibition is to teach the public how health may be maintained.



Members of the Shanghai British Women's Association entertained recently in honour of Dame Edith Lytton, one of the British delegates to the Kyoto Conference.



Members of the King's Daughters' Society donated all the sweets at the annual sale of work by the Ladies' Society of the Union Church, Shanghai. Mrs. C. Pearson Grant, in charge, is seen in the photograph.



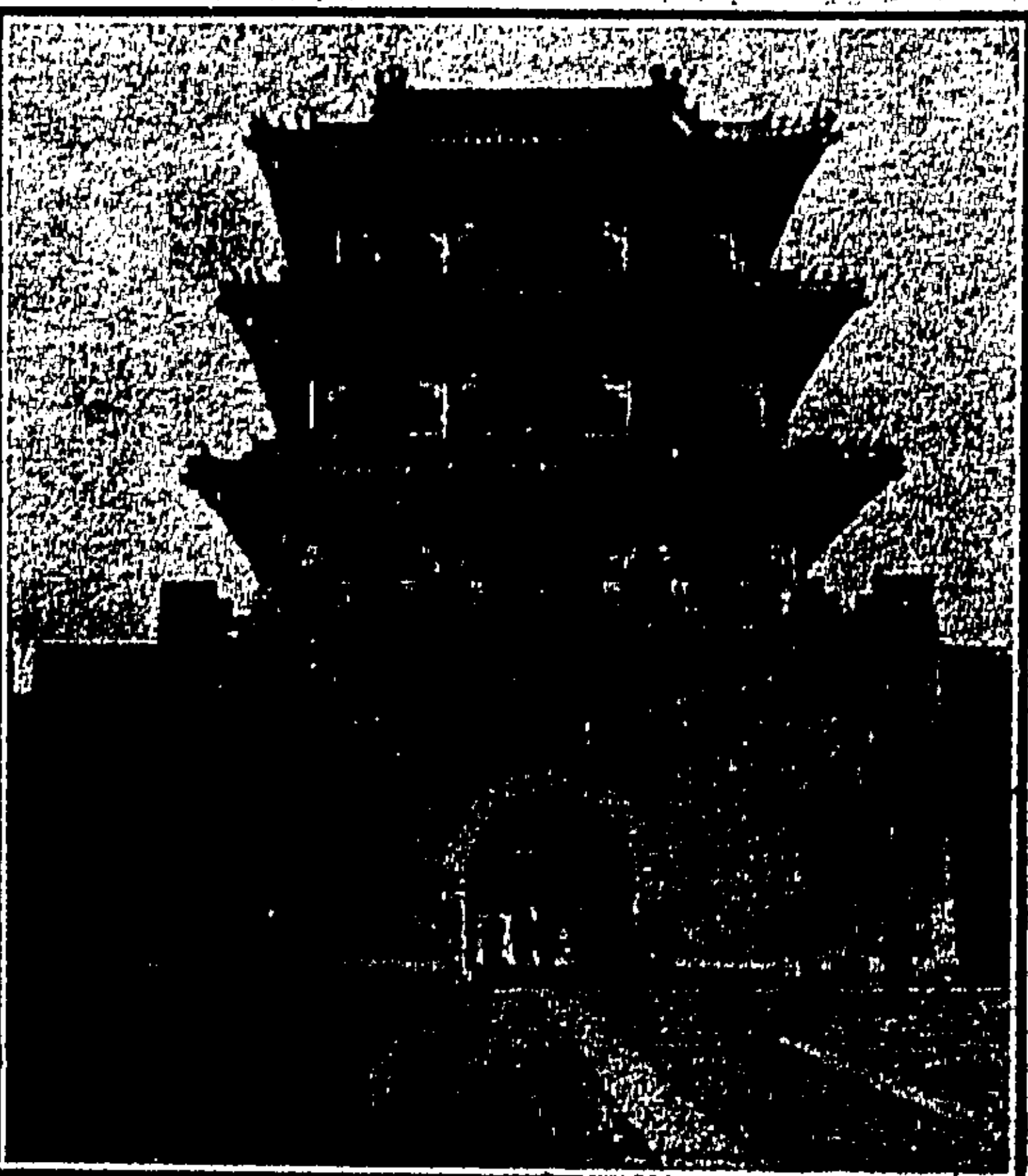
Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott, President of St. John's University, Shanghai, beneath the memorial arch which was dedicated last week. The arch is the gift of the gentry of the village of Zaukadoo in honour of the 50th birthday celebration of the institution.



A beautiful study of three Chinchilla kittens playfully perched on a teddy bear awaiting a ride. These aristocrats of the feline world are named (left to right): "Carlotta of Runnymede," "Careful of Runnymede" and "Greyhound of Runnymede."

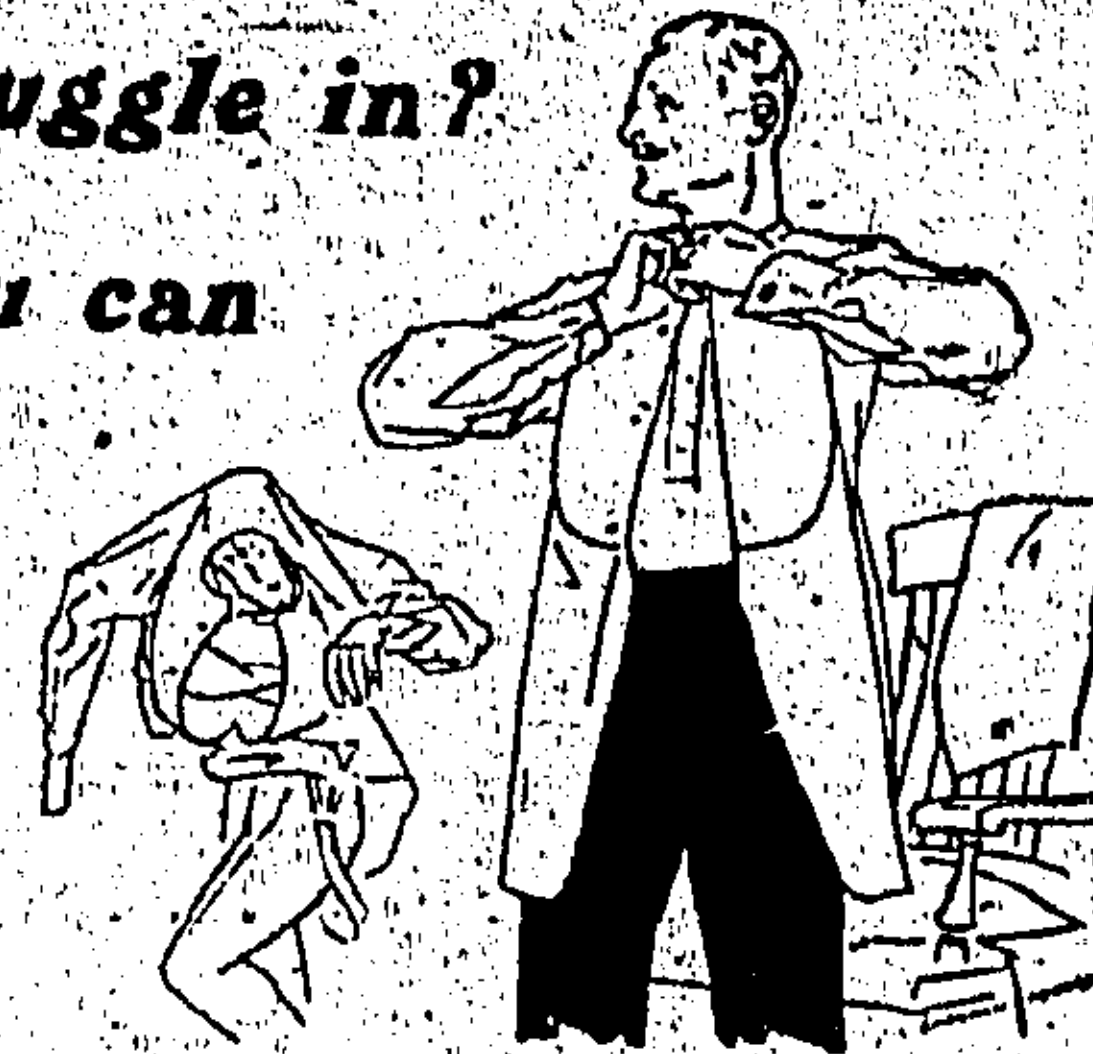


Dr. D. P. Gill, of the American-Oriental Banking Corporation, and Mr. H. D. Robison, U. S. Trade Commissioner, after a hunting trip near Nanking. Three deer, 27 pheasants, eight quail and six pigeons were included in the bag.



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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st January, 1930, will be subject to rent.

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Military engineers have been engaged since the war designing and testing new bridging equipment capable of carrying the new armoured fighting machines and other mechanical vehicles.

Colonel A. Brough, who is on the staff of the Master-General of the Ordnance at the War Office, speaking at the Royal United Service Institution, said that the heavier transport now used on the roads was perplexing the minds of the civil engineers, since many of the road and railway bridges were not constructed for the present weight of traffic.

The military engineer was watching with interest the designing of bridges by their civilian colleagues, the materials used, and the method of erection.

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From 15th December to 5th January inclusive radiotelegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted for transmission to Canada and the United States of America. For rates and other particulars apply to the Radio Telegraph Office.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The parcel post service to the Province of Kwangsi is resumed and letter mails are again being forwarded by direct steamers.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Wednesday, the 25th inst. and Thursday, the 26th inst. the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Luchow	December 26.
Europe via Negapatnam, (Letters only, London 28th Nov.)	Takada	December 27.
Straits	Mirzapore	December 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	December 27.
Canada (Victoria B.C. 7th Dec.)		
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada	December 28.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 29th Nov.)	President Garfield	December 28.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	December 28.
Manila	Mishima Maru	December 30.
Japan and Shanghai		
U.S.A. (San Francisco 6th Decem-ber)	President Pierce	December 30.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		
Europe via Negapatnam, (papers only London 28th November)	Kumshing	December 30.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 4th Decem-ber)		
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tenyo Maru	December 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	January 2.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Fri., Dec. 27. Noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Shanghai	Mirzapore	Fri., Dec. 27. 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.

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	K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 28.
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	Letters	Dec. 28, 9 a.m.
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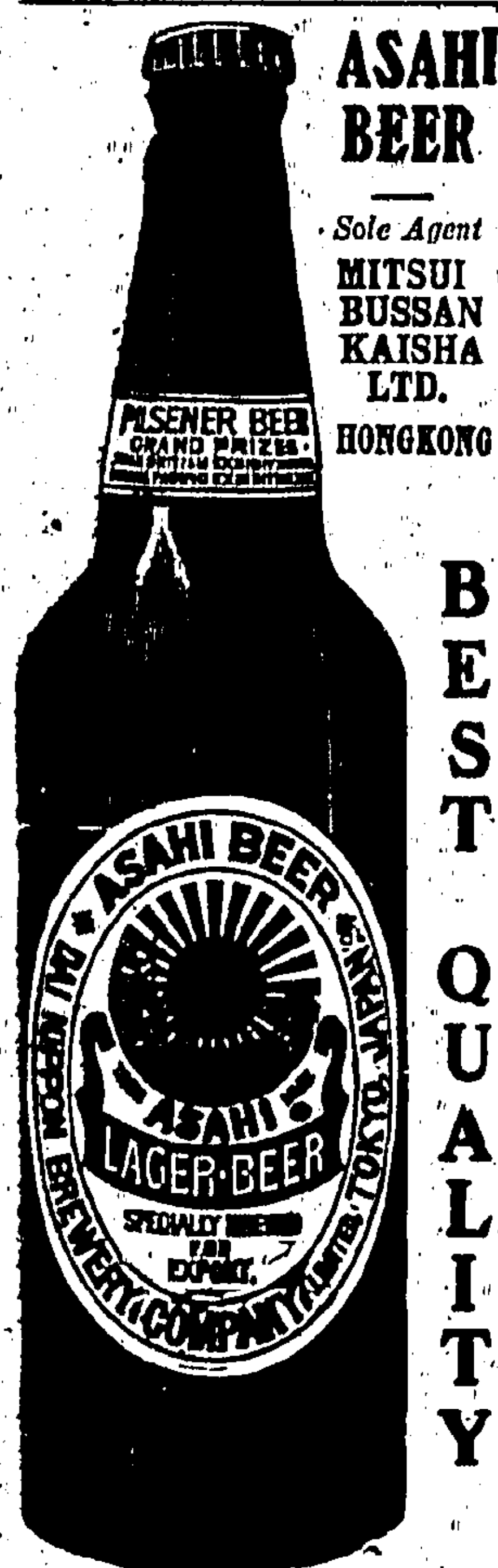
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22034 {Baby Where Can You Be,
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21888 {Outside,
Won't you Tell.
21701 {It Goes Like This,
Doing the Reckon.
21993 {Huggable Kissable You,
Every Moon's a Honey-moon.
21869 {Honey,
Sweet Suzanne.
22046 {Daddy Won't You Please,
Take You.
22055 {I'm the Medicine Man,
Wouldn't Be Wonderful.
22007 {I Lift Up My Finger,
Laughing Marionette.
21822 {Under the Stars,
Blue Waters.
21921 {Mean To Me,
That's What I Call Heaven.
21963 {Under the Russian Moon,
One that I Love.
22110 {World's Great Sweetheart,
Don't Hang Your Troubles.
22029 {Heigh Ho Everybody,
Miss You.
22124 {Sunny Side Up,
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AT QUEEN'S.

We can heartily commend "This is Heaven," the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, which drew crowded houses to the opening screenings yesterday. It stars beautiful Vilma Banky, who makes a big hit and is admirably supported by a strong cast.

"This is Heaven" is part-talkie, and we incline to the view that those who see it will agree that it is best when the silent reels are being shown. Vilma Banky herself is heard in the most dramatic part of the play, speaking broken English, well suited to the part, with a voice which registers exceedingly well. Later, it is obvious that her lines are being spoken by someone else.

The attractions of the film are the excellence of the "atmosphere" and the well-constructed story, whilst throughout the play is clean and wholesome. Vilma Banky is good in all that she does, and opposite her James Hall plays with marked success.

In addition to the main film there is a Fox movietone news reel, in which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, his son and daughter, are heard, whilst a clever song act goes to make up a most attractive programme.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Orange and yellow in a new design compose the ensemble for this creation.



This "tailored" ensemble is made of beige cloth trimmed with matching fur.



A new version of the "tailored" ensemble is made of green velvet trimmed with black fur.

Today's Recipes.

NUT PUFFS.

One cup chopped walnut or pecan nut meats, 2 eggs, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1-2 cup flour, 1-4 teaspoon baking powder, 1-4 teaspoon salt, few drops vanilla.

Roll sugar until perfectly smooth. Beat eggs until light and gradually beat in sugar and melted butter. Mix and sift flour, salt and baking powder. Add with nuts to first mixture. Add vanilla and drop into buttered muffin pans. Bake in a hot oven for eight minutes.

Jumbles are an old-time cooky popular with our grandmothers.

Jumbles.

One-half cup butter, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 egg, 1-3 cup milk, 2-2 cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1-4 teaspoon salt, few gratings nutmeg.

Cream butter and gradually beat in sugar. Stir in 1-2 cup sifted flour. Mix and sift remaining flour with salt and baking powder. Beat egg until light with milk. Add flour and liquid alternately to the first mixture. Add nutmeg and roll on a lightly floured moulding board into a thin sheet. Cut with a doughnut cutter and place on buttered baking tin. Bake six to eight minutes in a hot oven.

Macaroons.

Whites 2 eggs, 1-4 cup granulated sugar, 1 cup shredded coconut, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, 1-4 teaspoon vanilla, few grains salt.

Beat whites of eggs until stiff. Add sugar and turn into top of double boiler over hot water. When tepid, add remaining ingredients. Mix thoroughly and drop from tip of spoon onto an oiled sheet. Bake 20 minutes in a slow oven.

Here & There.

LITTLE MATTERS OF INTEREST.

A flat powder-bowl of golden glass. Looking at the lid, it seemed as if a thousand golden bubbles were seething in the glass and struggling to get to its still surface; or as if a jet of golden liquid had hit the glass and burst into a myriad frozen drops of gold.

Tea and coffee canisters that only let out a spoonful at once save both time and trouble. Red or gold or white, with a neat legend on one side proclaiming what they hold, they are shaped like very stout candles, but at the apex, where the wick would be, there is a circular opening. This connects with an ingenious inner fitting which ensures that only a spoonful of the contents comes out each time the canister is tipped up.

Rather fun to hand your guests cigarette and cigarette-holder at the same time. If you keep the paper and quill cigarette-holders, you can do this whenever you feel inclined. You can get them long or short and in all sorts of colours. If you want them in one particular shade, you can get a pretty circular box of them, all of the same colour. If, however, you want them mixed to match your moods, your rooms, or your frocks, you can get a big flat box with compartments containing these holders in pink, green, blue, orange, scarlet, and black.

Dull silver with jade green drawer handles—that was the scheme of two delightful pieces of furniture that, with slightly different construction, might have made splendid writing-tables, but actually had been specially designed to fill two deep window-bays. They had a number of small drawers, each with its jade knob, down either side, one big drawer in the middle,

Nails of Paris Green.

THE LATEST FAD FROM PARIS.

The woman who is sufficiently confident in her femininity may be interested in the latest fad from Paris—Paris green finger nails.

Finger tips having progressed from shell pink to magenta, the only way to create any sensation at all was to bring in another colour effect.

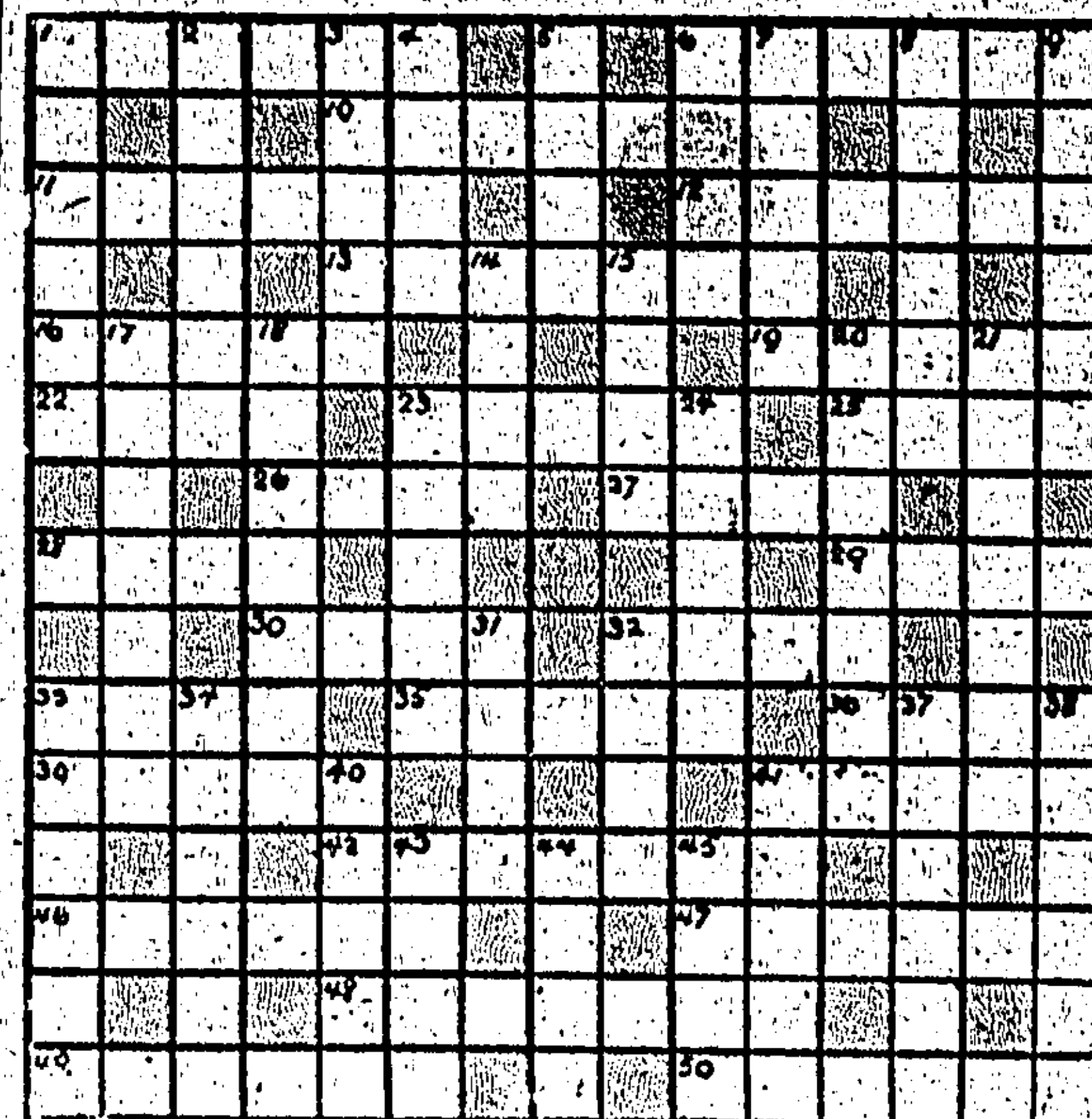
Green was selected as the best bet, because of the popularity of emeralds for finger rings. Matching nails and rings was then ordained.

and under it a good deep cupboard designed for holding shoes. If one had window-bays to fill, these silver drawers-cum-cupboards would be ideal, and would, of course, form the most pleasing window-sent. Or a copy, without the shoe-cupboard, so as to give room for the knees, would make a writing-table, not only useful but decorative.

Few modern women consider it essential to have a plain gold or platinum wedding ring, and the majority prefer small circles of diamonds. Of recent years fashions in wedding rings have changed considerably, and the newest form of the diamond wedding ring, is made of rounded platinum sprinkled all over with tiny diamonds, rather like the frosting on a Christmas tree.

A useful bridge coat is made of coral pink printed velvet and satin. The coat is made in the waistcoat shape, with a severely laid velvet front and a plain back of satin. It will be welcome to the bridge player when the afternoons and evenings grow too cold for a thin silk or brocade waistcoat.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

- 1 Bashful.
- 6 Scatterers.
- 10 Water receptacle.
- 11 Loiter.
- 12 One or the other.
- 13 Vacant time.
- 16 Outer covering.
- 19 View.
- 22 Rent.
- 23 Slope.
- 25 Image.
- 26 Suitably.
- 27 Spongy.
- 28 Once.
- 29 Dry.
- 30 Frost.
- 32 Despatch.
- 33 With.
- 35 Heavy drinker.
- 36 Always.
- 39 Lifeless.
- 41 Used up.
- 42 Harmful.
- 46 Clans.
- 47 Kind of oyster.
- 48 Mythical marine creature.
- 49 Pay back.
- 50 Delicate.

Down.

- 1 Annoy.
- 2 Risk.
- 3 Read.
- 4 Become weary.
- 5 Pretence.
- 6 Prophet.
- 7 Endeavours.
- 8 Resounded.

Yesterday's Solution.

0 3 year old buck.
14 Locally.
15 Tea containers.
17 Make honest.
18 Prepared skin.
20 Fortness.
21 Amateurs.
23 Narrow piece of timber.
24 Steeply.
31 Bellow.
32 One's individual person.
33 Near relation.
34 Retire.
37 Changed.
38 Hear again.
40 Gist.
41 Leaf of a plant.
42 Employer.
44 Volume.
45 One.

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BANDITS AT A BALL. \$10,000 IN JEWELLERY TAKEN FROM GUESTS.

New York, Nov. 11.

American bandits were busy during the week-end making spectacular raids in three different sections of the country. Five of them invaded the home of Mr. Henry M. Harris, chemical manufacturer at Champaign, Illinois, where he was entertaining distinguished guests after a football game between Illinois University and West Point Military Academy.

Among the robbers' victims was Mr. David Kinley, President of Illinois University.

Dancing was just starting with about half the guests scattered through the house, some in the lounge on the first story, others in rooms on the second floor, and still others dancing in the third-floor ball-room. Guests continued to arrive during the raid, which lasted fifteen minutes, the bandits entering by telling the butler they were playing a joke.

While the sixth man remained with the automobile five raiders divided and entered different rooms and obtained \$800 in cash and \$10,000 in jewellery. One of the guests managed to reach the telephone and to call the police, two of whom arrived as the bandits were finishing their search.

In the ensuing fight one bandit was critically wounded and another slightly hurt, and one policeman was shot through the hand,

but the other three raiders escaped with the loot.

Motorists Help Up.

Another daring raid took place at St. Louis where four bandits obtained jewellery worth \$10,000 and \$200 in currency from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Johnson and Mrs. J. Frederick Byers when they were returning from the country club in Mr. Johnson's car.

They were speeding along when another automobile forced them to the side of the road, Mr. Johnson first thinking the police were overhauling them for speeding. When Mr. Johnson stopped, the bandits with pistols drawn, quickly crowded into his car forcing the chauffeur to drive them to a lonely spot on the country road. There the bandits compelled the men to alight and after robbing the women and men allowed them to re-enter the car and escape.

Mrs. Johnson saved a \$12,000 diamond necklace by surreptitiously opening the clasp and allowing it to drop into her clothing, where it was unnoticed by the raiders.

A third daring raid took place near Saugus, California, where robbers derailed the West Coast Limited of the Southern Pacific Railway by loosening a rain coupling. The locomotive and two cars were overturned, seriously scalding the engine driver. As the train jolted to an abrupt halt two robbers entered the coaches with drawn pistols, and relieved the passengers of their money, watches, and other jewellery. Large masses of police are searching the countryside.

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TIME WHEN I WAS THERE
WITH UNCLE
HARRY!!



WHY, IT SEEMS LIKE IT
WAS ONLY LAST WEEK THAT
WE WERE THERE—AND IT
MUST BE AT LEAST FOUR
OR FIVE MONTHS!

Pondering!



—AND HOW I WAS HURT TRYIN'
TO SAVE DATSY FITTS FROM IN FRONT OF
THAT AUTO BACK HOME—GEE!
I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM HOME A
LONG TIME AND LOOK WHERE
ALL I'VE BEEN SINCE
THEN!

By Blosser



Y'KNOW—THINKIN' BACK LIKE
THIS MAKES ME HOMESICK—
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH FUN
YOU HAVE AN' THE PLACES A
FELLA GOES, THERE'S NO
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BRITAIN & EGYPT.

In reading through the House of Commons' debate on Egyptian affairs, one could not help being struck by the different approach which the Labour and Conservative parties have to the problem. It is clear from Sir Austen Chamberlain's remarks and queries that suspicion and distrust play a considerable part in his attitude towards the Egyptians, whereas Mr. Henderson preached, rather, the gospel of friendship and co-operation, as distinct from the doctrine of force. Dr. Dalton, in the course of a neat rebuff to Mr. Winston Churchill, reminded the Egyptians that in their relations with Britain they now had to deal with different men, propounding new ideas. And so it seems. But a close reading of the Labour viewpoint gives no cause for alarm, as, despite the pacification on which it is based, there is ample evidence to show that the Government is conscious of its Imperial responsibilities.

In his criticisms of the proposals which have been offered to Egypt, Sir Austen Chamberlain was particularly concerned over the matter of the removal of British troops from Cairo and Alexandria, but the Labour reply on this point showed that there is very little modification in the Conservative plan. Under the Chamberlain agreement, Britain would not withdraw her troops from the interior to the banks of the Suez Canal for a period of ten years, and although it is possible that the proposals now put forward may result in the withdrawal before that period, it seems more than likely that the greater part of that time will elapse before the evacuation actually takes place. What is particularly worth emphasising is that there is no intention of giving up British rights in the Canal zone. In fact, Mr. Henderson made it perfectly clear that the troops are to be located in the region of the Canal for the specific purpose of ensuring the defence of that vital artery of Imperial communications. As the Labour Government's intentions are analysed, it becomes evident that the variation in treatment of this aspect of the matter is not one of principle, seeing that the Chamberlain agreement visualised the eventual withdrawal of troops from Egyptian territory. The Government feels that Egyptian susceptibilities

should be respected, and that there can be no defence for the maintenance of troops except for the purpose of guarding the Canal zone. On the question of the protection of the lives and property of foreigners, there is a definite Treaty obligation imposed on the Egyptian Government to ensure the due discharge of its responsibilities in this connection. This, indeed, seems a far more tangible provision than has previously been required.

When we bear in mind the fact that so many nations of the world have sworn to renounce war, it does strike us as rather incongruous that there should be panicky suggestions of foreign Powers taking advantage of the proposed new Anglo-Egyptian Treaty to invade Egyptian soil. We know of no warranty for these fears, which are reminiscent of other times, when all countries were given to distrusting each other rather than to endeavouring to work together in peace and amity. By the proposals which it has put forward, the British Government has at any rate shown a spirit of goodwill and an anxiety to create a newer and a better atmosphere between the two nations. That is the dominating feature of its policy, and it is one which is in thorough accord with the tendencies of the age in which we live.

India's Future.

Containing much that obviously will not bear critical scrutiny and a number of valuable suggestions worthy of sympathetic consideration, the Report of the Indian Central Committee, just issued, is an extremely interesting document. The Committee is one which was formed from the Indian Legislature shortly after the arrival of the Simon Commission in India, for the express purpose of co-operating with the British Parliamentarians, and the views now advanced must be accepted as representative of the saner and more responsible elements of Indian opinion. It is quite a mistake to suppose, as has been done in some quarters, that the Report is an unsolicited gesture to the British Government from a body of Indian extremists. In fact, the Indian Central Committee's efforts will undoubtedly play an important part in the guidance of Britain's policy in India in the immediate future. Their Report, naturally, has been awaited in England with more than ordinary expectancy. It is well understood. In the first place, that the Report of the Simon Commission and the Indian Central Committee's Report will be considered in conjunction when the fate of India and possibly of Britain's connexion with India is decided. The recommendations will, therefore, be examined with the greatest care, even though they include such "experiments" as the development of provincial armies, and the abolition of communal electorates. Against such items as these must be placed the very sensible advice that the Secretary of State for India be afforded the benefit of Indian Secretaries, who would guide him in matters of purely native interest. There is very little that the Indian Committee regard as essential if the British Government is to command the support of the enlightened classes in India that will not come to fruition in due season. The Indian Committee appear to be, in some things, a bit of a hurry, but there is also a hint in their Report that a creative compromise might be soberly accepted and pursued. This spirit, and this spirit alone, offers a serious approach to the immense problems involved.

The body of a Chinese, believed to be a victim of the disaster to the s.s. Lee Cheung, which sank on Saturday night off Fukien Point in a north-easterly gale with a heavy loss of life, was found floating in the water off Wai-lan yesterday evening by a fishing junk. A police launch was despatched to pick the body up.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NEEDLESS ALARM IN SOME QUARTERS REGARDING A POSSIBLE SHORTAGE OF GOLD.—Mr. D. M. Mason. (Quoted by the Daily Sketch.)

Mr. T. S. W. West has been appointed foreman of the yard, constructive department, Hongkong Naval Yard.

Among the passengers who left for Australia on board the s.s. Tango Maru yesterday were Professor Charteris, and Mr. R. Robotti.

We have to acknowledge receipt from the Robert Dollar Company of an artistic reproduction of a French water colour "The Gypsy Dance," sent with the season's greetings.

The disappearance of a house boy employed by Dr. Li Shu-fan, is connected by the police with the theft of clothing to the value of \$310, which has been made from No. 2 Tramway Path.

Falling from the second floor of No. 147, Johnson Road, Wanchai, where he resided, a 16-year-old Chinese boy, named Leung Kwang, received injuries from which he died in hospital yesterday.

The efforts of the members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and the Hongkong Branch of the British Legion on behalf of St. Dunstan's resulted in a sum of \$32 being remitted to that Institution on Christmas Eve.

Among the passengers on the Empress of Canada, due in the Colony on Sunday morning, are the Misses L. and M. Galt, daughters of Sir Alexander Galt of Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roger who are en route to Calcutta.

PRINCE GEORGE ON CHINA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

recent been in China myself, having spent two years in Chinese waters when serving in H.M.S. Hawkins between 1925 and 1927. (Cheers.) I then had the opportunity of visiting most of the ports along the coast and up the Yangtze as far as Chungking. In consequence I am able to follow, with great interest and a little understanding, all those issues of which we hear so much in these days. I can assure you that I saw of much impressed with all I saw of that wonderful country, and I appreciate the anxious care with which your Association has nurtured and fostered the China trade. What is more, I do not desire to confine my good wishes to our own people—I earnestly hope for a return to prosperity, and to a happy condition which will make for the prosperity of China as well as ourselves.

Mr. Dodwell's Speech.

Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, in reply, said that in spite of all the adverse circumstances the Shanghai Customs returns on the old 5 per cent. basis showed for the eight months ending August 31, 1929, an increase of 3,600,000 Halkwan Taels, over 17 per cent. as compared with the same period last year, which was a "record" year. Imports showed an increase of over 19 per cent. and exports an increase of nearly 13 per cent.

There could be no doubt that the China market was an expanding one and that it offered increasing opportunities. During the past 10 years China's total import of most of the commodities in which the United Kingdom was chiefly interested had increased greatly. Iron and steel had doubled, woollen goods and tobacco had increased five-fold. Piece-goods, it was true, showed a falling off, but on the other hand China's demand for other types of Western goods was becoming more and more diversified. On the whole there was good reason for taking a hopeful view of the United Kingdom's commercial prospects in China, but a very great deal, of course, depended on price. We were being beaten in some directions by Japan and America, as well as by the Continent. In his opinion our distributing organizations in China were superior to that of any other Western nation, and from his experience he knew that the most skilful and alluring salesmanship could not prevail to-day against price.

Mr. H. W. Bird proposed the toast of the guests, to which Lord Onslow and General Sir George Kiripatrick responded.

EGYPTIAN ELECTION.

WAFDIST PARTY ALMOST UNOPOSED.

Cairo, Dec. 24. The state of the parties in the Wafdista 188, the others 28. A second ballot will have to be held in eighteen constituencies. Reuter.

BOY HAWKERS IN TROUBLE.

OBJECT TO BEING SENT TO POLICE CLUB.

EMPLOYMENT HOPES.

A fear of what might be in store for them at the Police Boys' Club was strongly expressed by two youths who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on charges of hawking newspapers without licences.

Sub-Inspector James said he had made enquiries about the lads and that he thought they were both deserving cases for recommendation for licences.

His Worship remarked that he understood that in securing a licence for hawking newspapers it was necessary to obtain the same through business channels.

Sergeant Barnicle, who is officer in charge of the Hawkers' Department, Kowloon, intimated that a man had to be recommended by the management of a newspaper before he was granted a licence.

It was suggested that the defendants might be recommended to the Boys' Club.

The mother of one of the lads who appeared in Court intimated that she did not want her son taken away from her.

His Worship pointed out to the woman that the Court was doing its best to secure employment for the two lads.

The mother, who was rather reluctant to let her son go to the Boys' Club, replied that her son had already been promised employment.

His Worship remarked that if he had the assurance that the boy would be given work he would not send him to the Club.

The other defendant instantly claimed that he could get work and did not want to be sent to the Club.

His Worship said he did not want to force the lads into the Club. Sub-Inspector James replied that that was not what the Club was for, and suggested that the first defendant be discharged, and the second remanded until he got an assurance that he would be given work.

This course was adopted.

CHRISTMAS DAY ABROAD.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Celebrations at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, were conducted on the usual lines yesterday, when Service men were entertained to a special Yuletide dinner. About 60 naval, military and Air Force men attended, and enjoyed an excellent repast in a true Christmas atmosphere. Mr. J. H. Hunt, the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., presided over the hilarious company and Mrs. Hunt, who was also present, gave the toast of "Our Folks at Home," which was received in a fitting manner.

Subsequently many joined in an afternoon of hockey, and later a large company of members and friends sat down to a special tea. In the evening an informal, but none the less enjoyable, sing-song was held in the lounge.

FIVE-POWER NAVAL CONFERENCE.

KINGS SPEECH TO BE BROADCAST.

London, Dec. 24. His Majesty the King's speech at the Five-Power Conference on Naval disarmament, which opens in the Royal gallery of the House of Lords on January 21st is to be broadcast.

The King will leave immediately after having spoken and his place in the chair will be taken by the Prime Minister. The broadcast will continue from eleven a.m. to one p.m. and it is hoped in that time to include the introductory speeches of the delegates from the various countries represented at the Conference.—British Wireless.

HAGUE CONFERENCE ON REPARATIONS.

TWO BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN.

London, Dec. 24. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, will be the representatives of the British Government at the second Hague Conference on Reparations, which opens on January 31st. Jurists representing the Powers engaged in the discussion, will assemble on January 3rd at the Hague.—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

At the annual dinner of the Association of Consulting Engineers on November 13, Lord Darling, responding to the toast of "The High Court of Parliament," proposed by Mr. S. C. Lewis, referred to the form of the toast, which, he said, was rather unusual. The first toast had been that of a member of Parliament—he need not mention the name—but he was afraid that many people did not realize that the King was a member of Parliament. King George never wrote "M.P." after his name; he simply put his initials as King. When he (Lord Darling) was in the House of Commons, Sir William Harcourt, who was a great constitutional lawyer—if he was no other kind of lawyer—proved that Queen Victoria was a member of Parliament. It was time that those ladies who arrogated to themselves the title of Parliament should be taught a lesson, and it was not unfitting that they should receive it at the hands of the Association of Consulting Engineers. (Laughter.)

(A Yorkshire comedian declares that he never heard the expression, "Ee, by gum," until he came to London.)

Greet not the Scot with a "Hoos, mon" or "drapple" stuff; Don't shout "Ahoy" to a son of the sea;

Boys from the wide, open lands where each chap is tough; Know not the meaning of calls like "Coo-ee."

Irishmen listen amazed to "Begorra, then" (Only in England they hear it expressed);

Uncle Sam stags with incredulous horror when Glibly described as a guy from the West.

Witness at North London: The occupier of the house was originally a single man.

Husband at Lambeth: On the very day we married my wife said, "Now I have got you. You have to keep me for the rest of my life." And she smokes 40 to 50 cigarettes a day.

Mr. Clarke Hall, the Old-street magistrate: Everybody in this district seems to snatch at any sort of bargain, whether the article is come by honestly or not, so long as they can make a few shillings.

Magistrate at Highgate: Everybody who goes into the witness-box is the most righteous person in the world.

The State Government of Saxony has banned the performance of George Bernard Shaw's latest play "The Apple Cart" in the State subsidised theatre, on the grounds that Shaw is ridiculing democratic institutions—an argument which is resented by the Press which declares that plays with anti-Republican tendencies would be adequately checked by them; and that moreover the German Republic is sufficiently consolidated to withstand the darts of Shaw's wit.

WHO WAS...

MISS FLORA McFLIMSY?

Readers of "Little Women," Louisa Alcott's delightful study of American girlhood, will remember that Amy March was very depressed on one occasion because she could not go to a certain garden-party, since she, like Flora McFlimsy, had nothing to wear.

Miss Flora McFlimsy was the heroine of a poem by an American writer, William Allan Butler. She lived in Madison Square, the most fashionable part of New York, and was a very lucky young person; for her parents were wealthy, and Flora possessed multitudes of finery and jewels. She had silks and satins and laces of the newest styles; she had pearls and diamonds and emeralds.

Yet, when she was invited to attend any function, there was a great nothing in the house in Madison Square, for Miss Flora McFlimsy invariably lamented that she had nothing to wear.

The poem is intended as a satire on those vain, foolish girls who are never satisfied with what they have got, and make themselves and everybody else miserable with their unreasonable complaints.

KWANGSI REBELS' LOSSES.**THREE LEADERS KILLED IN RECENT ACTIONS.****PURSUIT CONTINUES.**

Canton, Dec. 25.
The Political Administration of the 8th Army Route was yesterday in receipt of a telegram from the advance Headquarters at Wuchow, stating that during the recent engagements, the casualties suffered by the Kwangsi commanders included the following:—General Liang Chao-chi was killed and his remains transported to Wuchow; General Hsu Chung-wu was killed at Kwangsi, his remains being carried back to Wuchow and buried at Sam-kok-tsui; Vice C. C. Huang Shao-hung was badly wounded and medically treated at the Stout Memorial Hospital. Before the arrival of the Canton forces at Wuchow, he was taken to Kwai-ping, where he died on the 24th.

General Li Chun-yen leading the remnants of his troops has retired to Hohsien, while being pursued by the Canton forces of the 5th and 6th divisions under General Yu Hon-mou and Li Yang-ling who have continued their march towards Ho-kin, Puumoon, and Kwon-lan, with Hohsien as their objective.

General Chan Chai-long called a military conference at Wuchow which decided to launch a general attack on Kwai-ping, as the first step, and then on Liuchow and Nanning. As soon as the necessary plans to combine with Yunnan and Hunan loyal troops have been completed, another offensive against the Kwangsi insurgents will be started.

General Chou Ting-kai of the 60th Division, which was the first to enter Wuchow, took the plane "Hankow" to Canton yesterday, to report to General Chan Min-shu on the latest military conditions at Wuchow.—Canton News Agency.

FIRE BRIGADE CHIEF BLAMED.**ACCUSED OF FAILURE AT DISASTER.**

Blame for the inefficient way the Smethwick Fire Brigade dealt with the disaster in the district on September 2, when 11 lives were lost, has been placed on Chief Officer Arnold.

The Smethwick Watch Committee recently reported a "serious failure to render that instant and effective service which the gravity of the occasion demanded, and which a borough fire brigade must at all times be ready to give."

They found that, although the call was answered promptly, the advantage was completely nullified by the engine turning out with wrong standpipe fittings.

A second and equally serious difficulty arose when the brigade endeavoured to procure water from a tank of which the lid and the valve chamber were immovable.

"The committee regret," it is reported, "to have to place the responsibility for this lamentable state of things upon Chief Officer Arnold, who had the condition of the tank covers reported to him many months previously, but had taken no steps whatsoever to remedy the matter."

"Every Allowance"

"Making every allowance for the exceptional fierceness of the fire and the distraction caused by three girls jumping from the burning building, the committee are of opinion that Chief Officer Arnold failed to display the qualities of steadiness and resourcefulness necessary in a fire brigade chief."

They regretfully report that they cannot advise the council to allow the fire brigade to remain any longer under its present leadership.

"The committee have decided to augment the personnel of the brigade, appoint new officers, and bring it to a state of efficiency to merit public confidence."

FOREIGN FORCES IN CHINA.**DR. WANG TALKS ON THE POSITION.**

Nanking, Dec. 25.
At the Weekly Memorial Service, Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, stated that President Hoover having recommended the reduction of the United States troops in China to the Legation Guard strength, other powers are expected to withdraw their forces along the Peking Railway, since there is no reason for maintaining troops in North China, seeing the National Government has moved to Nanking.—Canton News Agency.

WEST-END DUEL WITH FISTS.**PROMINENT MEN'S "AFFAIR OF HONOUR."**

A boxing duel to settle an affair of honour between the head of a well-known London hotel and a racing motorist was fought in secret in the West-end recently.

It was first suggested that the affair, which is said to have involved the name of a woman, should be decided by a duel with weapons, but a distinguished member of the National Sporting Club persuaded them to wipe out the score with the gloves.

Accompanied by their seconds, doctors, and a party of City and West-end sportsmen, including several titled people, they met shortly before 6 o'clock at Mr. Fred Dyer's gymnasium at Charing Cross.

"The first intimation which I had of the affair," Mr. Dyer told a Press representative "was when, earlier in the afternoon, Captain Jackson, who is interested in boxing, rang me up on the phone."

"The fight was staged under Queensberry Rules in a 12ft. ring. Captain Jackson refereed and the editor of a sporting paper acted as timekeeper."

Six Two-Minute Rounds.

"Both men wore boxing shorts and vests, and before entering the ring were examined by two doctors."

"It was to be a fight of six two-minute rounds. One man was aged about 40; the other about 30."

"The younger man knew a little about boxing, but his opponent apparently nothing."

"In the first round they went at each other hammer and tongs, and within the first few seconds both drew blood. They fought themselves to a standstill."

"In the second round the elderly man was still battling gamely, but towards the end the younger man put him down for a count of nine. He made a plucky effort to carry on, but was knocked into the ropes and the referee called the fight off."

The young racing motorist had won.

Amid the laughter of their friends the duellists shook hands under the gymnasium shower-bath.

MURDERER INSANE.**"A STATE OF MENTAL OBIVION."**

James Lucas, aged 32, of Warren-street, Islington, charged at the Old Bailey, was found guilty—but insane—of murdering Francis Edward Marden, of Victoria-street, Islington, on October 12.

Mr. H. D. Roome, prosecuting, said that Lucas, Marden, and a man named Warden, had tossed for money, and Lucas said that he had lost £2.5s., apparently the whole of his week's wages. While Marden was speaking to Warden it was alleged that Lucas came from behind and cut Marden's throat. When arrested Lucas said "I remember putting my horse away and I do not remember anything more."

Dr. Finucane, who stated that he had had a long experience of mental disorders and epilepsy, said that he considered Lucas was an epileptic. His crime was typically the act of an epileptic.

Mr. Roome—You think that he was unaware that he was gambling and losing money?—Yes, I think he was in a state of mental oblivion.

Dr. Watson, Senior Medical Officer of Brixton Prison, said that Lucas had shown no signs of insanity in prison. He had had several epileptic fits, and one that morning. Masked epilepsy was very rare.

Mr. Roome—In your opinion, would it be possible for a man while in a state of epileptic automatism to gamble for an hour and a half, to pay money, and to ask for the price of a drink?—I should say absolutely impossible.

Replying to Mr. Justice Talbot, Dr. Watson said that he agreed that Lucas had done something which he would not have dreamed of doing had he not been epileptic. He did not agree that Lucas was in a state of epileptic automatism at the time.

Mr. Whittingstall, for the defence, said that a week ago they were commemorating the people who were killed in the war. That day they had before them a man who was a wreck of the war, and he asked the jury to remember him as they remembered the war itself. Lucas was ordered to be detained during the King's pleasure.

The B. I. s. Takada, from Singapore, is due here on Saturday morning.

RECENT SHANGHAI WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place at the Seymour Road Synagogue, when Miss S. Dubosarsky became the wife of Mr. G. Bogomolsky. The Misses Dubosarsky and Jacobs served as the bride's attendants.

VICEROY OF INDIA'S ESCAPE.**SEVEN ARRESTS MADE IN LAHORE.****DOMINION STATUS.**

London, Dec. 24.

The Viceroy of India, Lord Irwin, has received a large number of telegrams congratulating him on his escape in yesterday's bomb outrage on the Viceregal train as it approached New Delhi.

The Viceroy met the India Nationalist leaders, including Mr. Gandhi, yesterday, to discuss the function of the proposed round-table conference in London. At the close it was announced that negotiations had broken down on the main question of Dominion Status.

The Viceroy had stated that the London Conference was designed to elicit the greatest possible measure of agreement for final proposals to be submitted to Parliament. His Majesty's Government could not pre-judge the action of the Conference and restrict the liberty of Parliament by giving previous assurances which the deputation demanded, namely, that the purpose of the Conference was to draft a scheme for Dominion Status which the British Government would undertake to support.—British Wireless.

Lahore, Dec. 24.

Seven arrests have been made here in connexion with the attempt to assassinate the Viceroy, after a house to house search. They include the brother of the Jat, Indranath Das, who recently died in prison while hunger striking, and two workers connected with the Nationalist Congress camp. Some

SHAMEEN TENNIS FINAL.**MR. A. T. LAY AGAIN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Shameen, Dec. 24.

Mr. A. T. Lay defeated Mr. C. E. Watson in three straight sets in the final of the Men's Open Singles Championship of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club.

This is the second year in succession that Mr. Lay has defeated Mr. Watson in the finals, but whereas last season Mr. Watson took Mr. Lay to five sets before the latter just managed to scrape through, this year Mr. Lay had no great difficulty and won by 6/1, 6/3, 6/4. It must, however, be said that Mr. Watson injured his leg whilst playing tennis in November and was obliged to knock off for some time.—Our Own Correspondent.

WARRANT ISSUED.**SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS BY S. K. TRUST, LTD.**

Embezzling the sum of \$10,000 and fraudulently converting a further \$5,000, the inmates of the S.K. Trust, Ltd., of Connaught Road Central, are allegations made against a Chinese named Leung Kam-fong, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

It is alleged that he embezzled the \$10,000 sometime between October and December 1929, and that he committed the alleged second offence between November and December.

The S.K. Trust, is registered as a Limited Company in Hongkong and Singapore.

of the prisoners are active members of the League of Youth.—Reuter.

REPEAL OF DUTIES PROBABLE.**MR. SNOWDEN STILL REMAINS NON-COMMITTAL.****REBATES PROMISED.**

London, Dec. 25.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons last night said he would consider the representations made by various trade organisations as to the effect on business and employment of the uncertainty of the position in the next Budget of the duties on silk and sugar and the McKenna and the Safeguarding Duties.

He could not, however, contemplate any departure from the invariable rule that Budget decisions could not be anticipated. After careful consideration of the conditions under which the silk and sugar duties were administered he felt justified in saying that in the event of their repeal in the next Budget it would be necessary to take the exceptional course of proposing some scheme of rebates to meet the position of holders of duty paid stocks.

With regard to the thirty-three-and-a-third per cent. McKenna Duties imposed on motor cars, musical instruments, etc. and the duties imposed on certain imported articles under the Safeguarding of Industries scheme of the late Government, these were protective duties. He was satisfied that the situation in the case of these duties would be adequately met by an assurance that if any of them were repealed drawbacks on duty-paid exports would continue to be paid as was done when the McKenna duties were removed in 1924.

He had already stated that various Safeguarding Duties would not in any case be renewed after the expiry of the periods for which they were imposed.—British Wireless.

PUBLIC-HOUSES LIKE CLUBS.**PLEA FOR CHEAPER BEER.**

Mr. George Edwards, Chairman of the Licensing Justices of the St. James' district of Westminster, giving evidence before the Royal Commission on Licensing, advocated:

Public-houses with the amenities of clubs.

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Cheaper beer.

"I strongly disapprove of licensed houses being used simply as multiple shops, owned and controlled by great brewery companies, for the sale of beer," Mr. Edwards added. "I should like to see more spacious premises; seating accommodation for customers; and the supply of food, tea, coffee, and non-alcoholic drinks; no drinking bars, and no division into compartments; daily and weekly newspapers; the telephone; writing materials and stamps; in fact, the usual amenities of a club similar to what may be found in France and other countries."

Hours of opening, Mr. Edwards remarked, should be uniform in London, and he would suggest 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Liberty of Englishmen.

Sir John Padder—Do you suggest that the hours 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. for opening should be continuous?—Certainly. I have a very strong objection to anything that curtails the liberty of Englishmen unless there is a very strong reason given for it, and I don't think any reason has ever been given for it in this case.

Mrs. Simon reminded Mr. Edwards that Sir Robert Wallace had said the other day that the decrease in drunkenness was largely due to the restricted hours of opening.

Mr. Edwards—People are more intelligent now, and for a person to be drunk is considered a disgrace. But the all-important thing is the price. The working man in England has to pay 3d. or 4d. for a glass of beer. Anywhere in France you can get a glass of wine or a glass of beer for 1d. It is a great shame that the working man if he wants a glass of beer should have to pay that high price.

Mr. Mallon—Would you drop the price again?—I say it is a reflection on this country that the working man has to pay this high price for his beer.

Would you drop the price if you had the power?—Certainly.

And risk the consequences?—Certainly.

Mr. Arthur Taylor, for years chairman of the Wandsworth Division Licensing Justices and a member of the County of London Licensing Committee, suggested that if licensed houses were allowed to be kept open on week days from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. it would be more convenient and reasonable than at present and remove a large amount of discontent.

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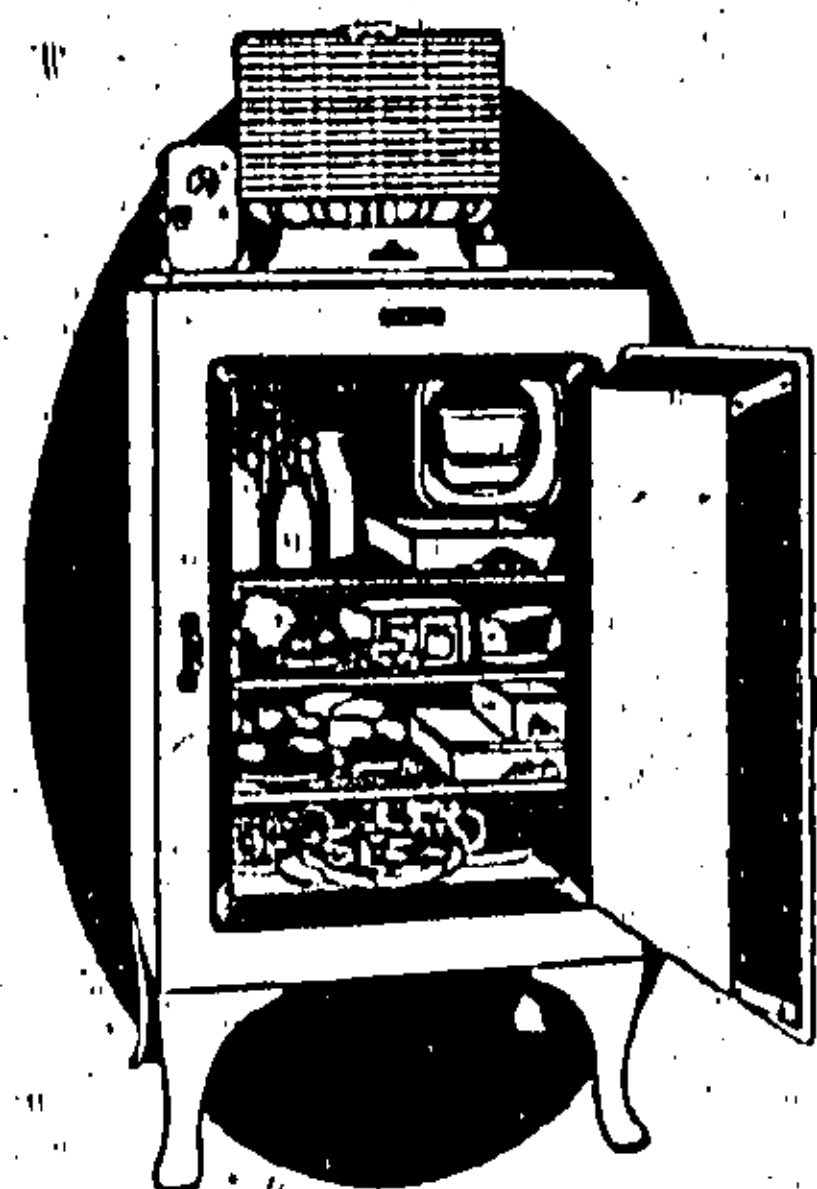
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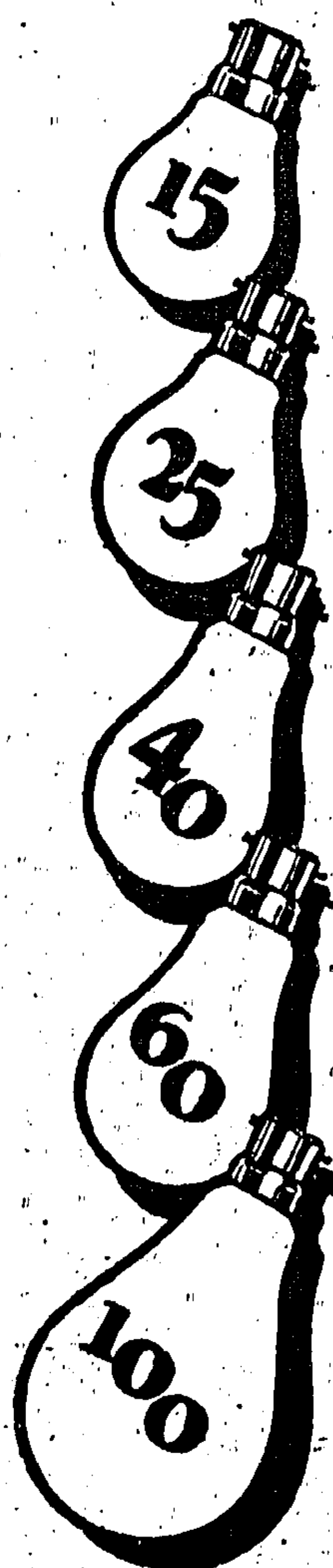
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KEEN RUGBY MATCH IN SHANGHAI



One of the most interesting Shanghai rugby football matches this season was witnessed at the Canidrome when Shanghai and the U.S. Marines drew 8-all. Top photo shows a scramble after a scrum. The local players are shown in the bottom picture, while some of the Marines can be seen on the right and left.

ANNUAL YACHTING PORTUGAL LOSE TO CHINA.

TEN START IN RACE TO
MACAO AND BACK.

SEVENTY-MILE TRIP.

There were ten entrants for the annual Boxing Day Yacht Race to Macao and back, held in connexion with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. The following yachts started, handicaps indicating minutes and seconds being in brackets:

La Cigale (ser.)
U. and I. (3.30).
Wanderer (4.00)
Asuma (4.00)
Coquette (6.40)
Norwegian (6.80)
Queen Bee (6.80)
Typhoon (8.00)
Carlew (8.00)
Chinook (13.00)

The yachts made a good start from Murray Pier at 7.25 this morning on a head tide, with light winds.

Providing conditions are favourable, it is expected that the first boat back will arrive at about 8.30 to-night.

The distance to be covered is about 70 miles and the trophy for the race is the Potts Challenge Cup. The time limit for the course has been fixed for 10 a.m. on Saturday.

ELECTRIC BOOM IN BRITAIN.

RECORD FOR YEAR'S EXPORTS.

A record in export work has been achieved by the British electrical industry during the first nine months of the present year and there has been a considerable increase in the number of people employed.

Export contracts on the engineering side have amounted to £8,000,000, while home contracts were not less than £16,000,000.

An official of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association said that the electrical industry was about the only industry in the country which had developed a strong export trade since the war. That was largely due to the fact that we took the initiative in design in the technical field and had kept it ever since.

"Our home contracts," he added, "have meant increased business in the iron and steel trades, and we have justified extensions in their plants."

"During the two years before January last we could not do more than hold our own in export business, but in the last nine months we have made a most remarkable recovery."

"Behindhand at Home."
"Practically every contract in connection with the reorganisation

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP SEMI-FINAL.

THREE GOALS MARGIN.

China 3 Portugal 0

China had the game safe within ten minutes of the opening. Ip Pak-wei scoring a nice goal after eight minutes. Tso Kwai-sing adding to the lead almost directly from the centre-kick. Portugal failed to get together and very rarely challenged the superiority of the opposition. A third goal came mid-way through the first half. Tso Kwai-sing heading through neatly.

The fact that the Chinese were definitely the better of two sides for the rest of the game and failed to add to their total conveys its own story. They indulged in pattern weaving and fancy tricks and their shooting was far from good. One or two efforts came close, but after the first half, interest lagged.

Portugal were unexpectedly weak. As a rule, they manage to muster a spirit for international matches which makes them formidable however poorly the Recreio have been doing in the league. The recent steady improvement of the Recreio promised a lively tussle yesterday, but it was not forthcoming. The side was at sixes and sevens all through and, except when they forced a couple of corners they were not dangerous.

A. V. Gosano led the forwards, but he was never given an opportunity of showing his mettle. He was never given a decent pass by a colleague and he was too carefully watched to make much out of the haphazard kicks which came his way.

An interesting feature of the game was the return of Fung King-cheong to the soccer field. He played a fairly steady game, better than one generally expects of a player who has not touched a ball for two months.

of the electricity supply in Holland has come to Britain. We have even penetrated such countries as Finland and Bulgaria, our plant has gone to the Far East and Russia, and there has even been a contract from the Christmas Islands.

"The electrical industry employs between 180,000 and 200,000 people, and the figures are steadily growing."

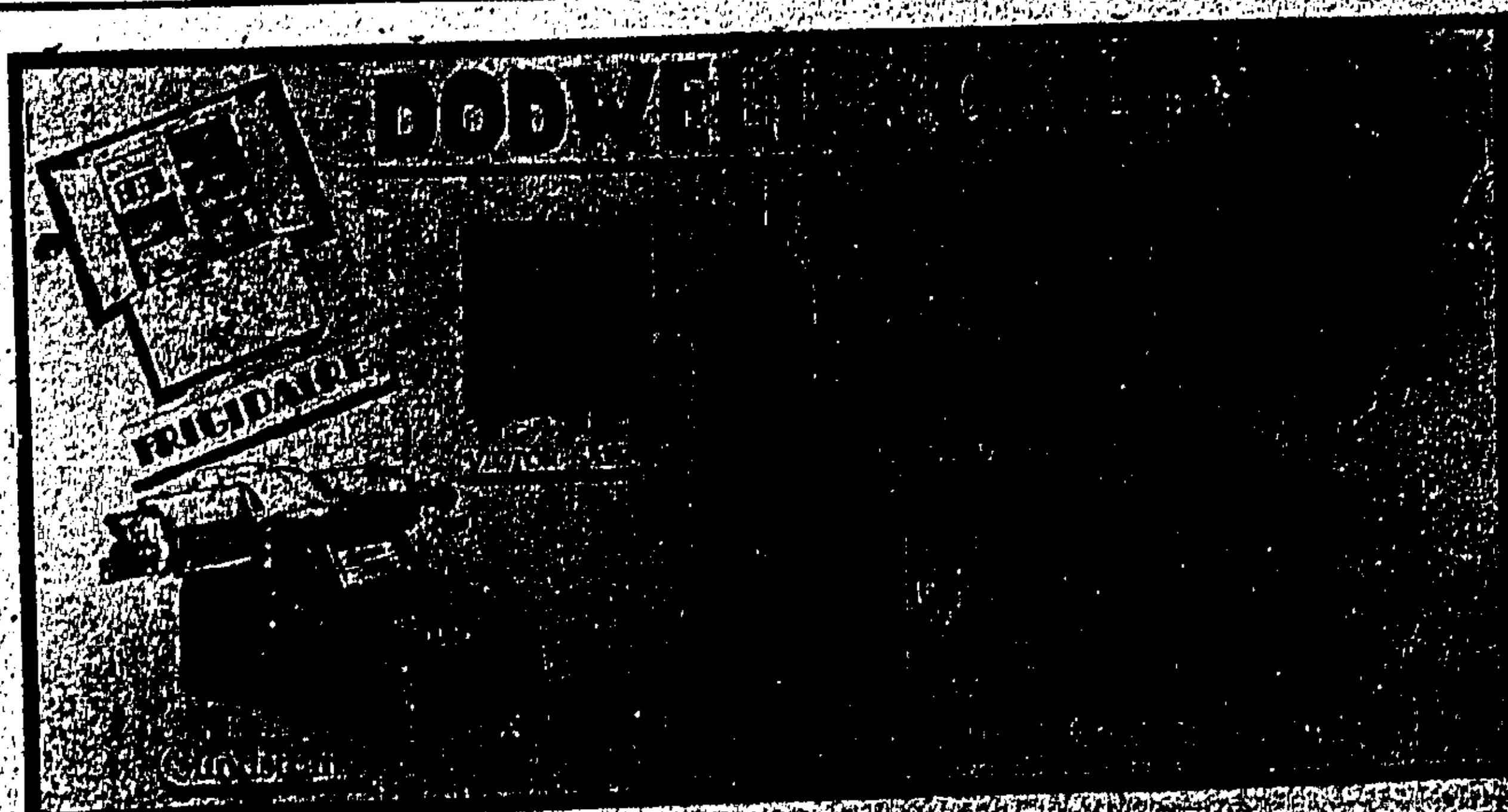
On the other side of the picture, it was pointed out that the development of electricity in this country had not kept pace with the rest of the world. The Electricity Commission is erecting great power stations, but is doing nothing to develop the demand for the power it will have to sell.

British manufacturers were supplying Canada with only 1.6 per cent. of its electrical appliances and machinery, that country taking less of our output than any other country in the world.

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WONDER YACHT.

THE STELLA POLARIS IN HONGKONG.

Her white lines gleaming in the
morning sunlight, the M.Y. Stella
Polaris, which reached Hongkong
on Tuesday, was admired by the
whole city as she proudly made
her way to Kowloon wharf.

The lovely white steamer seems
to typify the dreams of millions
in the atmosphere of luxury and
wealth which she radiates. On
spotless decks one conjures up
visions of untold fortunes and
considers that this is just the sort
of yacht he would build for him-
self if only he could procure the
means to do so.

Contrary to the belief of many,
the Stella Polaris was not origi-
nally built for some fabulous mil-
lionaire and later purchased for
pleasure cruises. She was built
three years ago for her owners,
the B. & N. Company of Norway
and was specially designed as a
purely tourist ship. The Stella
Polaris carries no cargo, with the
result that the deck space avail-
able on the comparatively small
vessel is greater than that of
many large liners.

The brand sun deck just below
the bridge is one of the main at-
tractions of the vessel. Here one
can bask wrapped in rugs when
the weather is chilly and take the
sea breeze. The view from the
sun deck is a magnificent one and
it was to this point of vantage
that the majority of the yacht's
passengers flocked when the vessel
entered the harbour yesterday.

Few Passengers.

For a tourist ship, the Stella
Polaris carries comparatively few
passengers. The absolute limit
is 139 persons and this the com-
pany will never exceed. One dis-
covers the reason for this when
one is shown the large and air-
conditioned cabins on the yacht. It is doubt-
ful if the ordinary first class
cabins on any other vessel in the
world are as big as those of the
Stella Polaris. Most of them have
private bathrooms, but those
which are not so equipped are
served by a bathroom to every
three staterooms. Hence there is
little or no waiting for a bath
aboard this ship.

At present the Stella Polaris is
carrying 70 passengers on a Far
Eastern tour. Among the travel-
lers is Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim,
the famous novelist who is enjoy-
ing a pleasure trip.

Joyous Voyage.

The happy nature of the passen-
gers is indicated by the number
of social functions which take
place on board every day. Danc-
ing is extremely popular on the
wide deck at the stern, while an
active sports committee has ar-
ranged all the deck games known
to mankind.

The saloon of the vessel is a
very large one, capable of seating
218 people. It runs the width of
ship and occupies the whole amid-
ships of one of the lower decks.
Every night a band plays through-
out dinner, after which the ship's
jazz band is available for dance
music. In the smoke room a
strict masculine effect has been
studied throughout, with the re-
sult that the room is the cosiest
little retreat imaginable. The so-
cial lounge is magnificently
furnished and looks like a room
in some European palace.

Long Itinerary.

Leaving Southampton on No-
vember 6, the yacht proceeded to
Gibraltar, Monaco, Malta, Port
Said, Aden, Colombo, Padang,
Batavia, Sourabaya, Macassar,
Ambona, Zamboanga, Manila and
thence to Hongkong. She will
leave here on Saturday for Saigon,
Bangkok, Singapore, Rangoon,
Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Port
Said, Naples and Monaco.

The yacht is staffed with offi-
cers and stewards who have had
experience of the other big
cruises organised by the company.
Her purser has travelled all over
the world on such voyages and
thoroughly understands how ar-
rangements for passengers should
be handled. Hence the cruise of
the Stella Polaris is one of the
happiest that was ever commenced.

REGICIDE PLOT.

BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY
THREATENED.

Brussels, Dec. 24.

An anti-Fascist plot to assassi-
nate members of the Belgian Royal
Family is reported to have been
unearthed by the Italian Police.

According to *l'Indipendenza*, Rome,
the Belgian Premier and two of

YACHTING NOTES.

THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

(By Chau-Kung.)

The 3rd Championship race which
was sailed on Sunday last provided
a very useful preliminary canter for
this week's event. It blew spally
hard in the Lamma Channel and gave
all the craft a thorough testing and
found the gear of some not all that
it might be.

This will enable the various skip-
pers to rectify any weaknesses which
showed themselves. Le Cigale lost a
main shroud and had to put back at
Green Island. Coquette, with new
sails, took a proper view of matters
and retired before the wind became
too heavy. The owner and crew of
Norwegian poked their noses through
Sulphur Channel but weighed the
scene outside against their vision of
Fanning Hunt races and decided that
the money looked better on the latter.

Azuma got to the N.W. corner of
Lamma and upon coming up to wind
for the purpose of shortening sail
burst her main sheet and to avoid the
risk of being blown ashore started
her engine; this of course meant her
retirement from the race.

Curlew ran under the lee of the
land in Luk Chau Wan and shortened
sail but when she arrived off Lai Kok
at the South of the Island had again
to go under the lee to make further
reduction before proceeding.

Irene with U and I had made very
good weather after taking in two
reefs but at Ha Mi Tsai Irene found
that three would have been better
and ran away to Repulse Bay. U and
I was able to proceed by sailing with
the boom well off and eventually ar-
rived back at the Club at about 4.30
p.m. which was a fairly quick passage
in the circumstances. Curlew got
back about 2 hours later.

NINE CLEAR GOALS.

BORDERERS BEAT ARTILLERY IN SECOND DIVISION.

At Sookunpoo on Tuesday, the
K.O.S.B. defeated the R.A. by nine
clear goals. The K.O.S.B. pressed
throughout the game and only the
fine goalkeeping of Lawrence pre-
vented a much heavier score. The
Gunners lost Gough, about halfway
through the second half, with a twist-
ed ankle. After Stevens had missed
a couple of easy chances, Crawley
found the net from a pass by Stevens.
For a time the R.A. swung the ball
about, but Bird and Charlton, play-
ing near the halfway line, kept the
Gunners on the defensive. Stevens
went through and beat Lawrence
from close range. The same player
scored a fine goal from twenty five
yards to give the K.O.S.B. a three
goals lead. Geggie did well on the
right wing for the K.O.S.B. but
several fine centres were sent over
the bar by Toal. Halftime: K.O.S.B.
3, R.A. 0.

Resuming Geggie forced a corner
off Toal and Lawrence gave away
another corner. A centre from Geg-
gie was met by Toal and headed into
the net. With a left-footed drive
near the penalty line, Stevens scored
the fifth. A shot by Toal was mis-
judged by Lawrence and the ball en-
tered the net. Geggie shot hard and
Lawrence sent the ball against the
upright, the ball rebounding into
goal. Crawley scored the eighth, and
the ninth was headed in by Toal
from a centre by Geggie. Westland
stopped one shot only throughout the
game.

LETTER GOLF.

A gentle little WIND develops
into a full-sized GALE rapidly in
letter golf.

W	I	N	D
G	A	L	E

1.—The idea of letter golf is to
change one word to another and
do it in par, a given number of
strokes. Thus to change COW to
HEN, in three strokes, COW,
HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one
letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete
word, of common usage, for each
jump. Slang words and abbrevia-
tions don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot
be changed.
One solution is printed on
another page.

his colleagues recently received
letters threatening them with
death if the King of the Belgians
consented to Princess Marie Jose
marrying the Italian Crown
Prince.

The newspaper also states that
an attempt on the lives of Belgian
Royalties when visiting Italy for
the Royal Wedding had been plan-
ned to be made at Milan.—*Reuter*.

FINDLATER'S



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MACAO MILITARY
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Mutineers Surrender
After Bombardment.

PLOT WHICH FAILED.

Details of the military revolt at Macao show that the mutineers had made pre-arranged plans for a simultaneous rising by the men of four forts; but that only one lot, those occupying Monte Fort, acted. Eventually, loyal troops bombarded the mutineers for half an hour, and later the revolters unconditionally surrendered.

At seven o'clock on Sunday evening, the ringleaders in Monte Fort took action. Three officers stationed there, were expelled and two senior Sergeants who were outside the plot were imprisoned as hostages. At the same time, the siren at the Fort, which is used as a warning in case of an emergency, was sounded, this being the signal to the artillery units in the other three forts to take simultaneous action.

Evidently, saner counsels prevailed among the men in the other forts, for instead of joining in the mutiny they remained passive and subjected themselves to the orders of their superiors in the usual way.

Meanwhile, the mutineers in Monte Fort proceeded to barricade themselves in, were well armed with rifles and small ammunition, and defied the authority of Police Commissioner Andrade (who at one time was Acting Chief of Staff) who hurried to the Fort in an effort to persuade the men to desist from taking further action.

The military authorities took prompt action to confine the mutiny to that particular fort, mobilising and arming all infantry units, the police force, and requesting the naval assistance. As the Fort is right in the centre of the town, the news of the mutiny spread throughout the population and there was much apprehension, most of the people remaining indoors owing to the uncertainty of the situation.

All possible exits were closely watched and armed guards and patrols kept vigil throughout Sunday night. Early on Monday morning, the authorities conveyed an ultimatum to the disaffected men, stating that unless they surrendered within twenty-four hours, force would be used to compel them to vacate the Fort. At the same time Flight Commander Cabral, who was paying a visit to Hongkong, was telegraphed for and he hurriedly returned to Macao on the s.s. Chuen Chau which left here on Monday. On arriving at Macao he flew over the Fort in a military aeroplane, and it was hoped that this demonstration would induce the mutineers to surrender.

Authorities Defied.

This hope did not materialise, however, and the men in the Fort continued to defy the authorities and threatened to shoot at anyone who approached. This attitude was maintained throughout Monday night, and seven o'clock yesterday morning found the mutineers still obdurate.

It was at this stage that the authorities decided to act upon the ultimatum which had been delivered 24 hours earlier. From vantage points in the city Government forces attacked and an artillery and machine gun bombardment on a small scale was commenced upon the Fort at 8.30. For over half an hour this bombardment was continued, the mutineers replying to the fire, and it was at nine o'clock that the mutineers surrendered unconditionally.

An unconfirmed report states that five men were wounded in the affray, but to which side they belonged is not known.

It is stated that no damage was caused to other parts of the city and that soon after the surrender had been made, business resumed normally, the city being quiet.

Later Details.

As the result of enquiries made on board the s.s. Sui An, which arrived from Macao shortly before six o'clock yesterday afternoon, we learn that the insurrection is definitely ended and the colony quiet. Yesterday morning, from the Monte Fort the mutineers are stated to have fired what are believed to be small field guns at the other forts which housed the loyal military who were trying to suppress the rebels. About six or a dozen rounds were fired back by the loyal troops. Fortunately, the shelling, so far as can be ascertained, did not result in any serious bloodshed. Some damage was done, but this was of a minor character.

It would appear that the loyal troops massed for an attack but before the advance was made the rebels showed a white flag, believing, no doubt, that they would be unable to resist a concerted attack. Subsequently an officer with about half a battalion of men approached the fort, and when

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OLD ETONIAN'S EXHIBITS IN
PARIS.

Paris, Nov. 18.
The British Ambassador this afternoon opened the picture exhibition of Mr. Josselin Bodley, the young English artist, at the Galerie de Bernheim jeune.

Mr. Bodley, though an Englishman and an old Etonian, has never exhibited in England. His exhibition in Paris last year met with uncommon success, the Luxembourg buying one of his pictures, and Mr. Bodley has since had flattering offers from Berlin and New York.

Mr. Bodley's outstanding quality is a sense of almost hallucinating excitement that radiates from his severe and at times sombre paintings of blank walls and hard street corners, unrelieved by human form. Two pictures of the Castle at Bayonne and one of Santa Maria Zobenigo at Venice are particularly fine specimens of this virile and uncompromising art, the individuality of which grips the spectator like a vice.

The portraits have in a different way a similar intense quality. Most discussed will be that of the Viscountess of Massereene and Ferrard, the finest Cubist portrait ever painted, all angles and yet all supple: it shows decisively that a woman's beauty can be brought out by a system of points and arrow shafts and yet be none the less beautiful.

they reached it the mutineers laid down their arms and surrendered.

Our informant explained that the authorities had the matter well in hand, and no further trouble is expected as the other troops are loyal to the Government.

One version of the reason for the trouble is that the Sergeant who was the ringleader applied for an increase of pay which he claimed he was entitled to by reason of an agreement reached before he was sworn into the service. Because of this application, the report states, he was court-martialed and sentenced to two days' imprisonment in an army gaol. Shortly after he had served his sentence he again applied for an increase, and it is said he received sentence of a further term of 15 days in gaol. There is as yet no confirmation of this story.

After the captives had been taken in charge, all were sent to the island of Coloane, opposite to Macao, with the exception of the ringleader, who was confined on board the Portuguese gunboat Patria. The Patria it is stated later left for Hongkong with the Sergeant on board and he will, it is understood, be transferred to another boat in Hongkong which will take him back to Portugal for trial.

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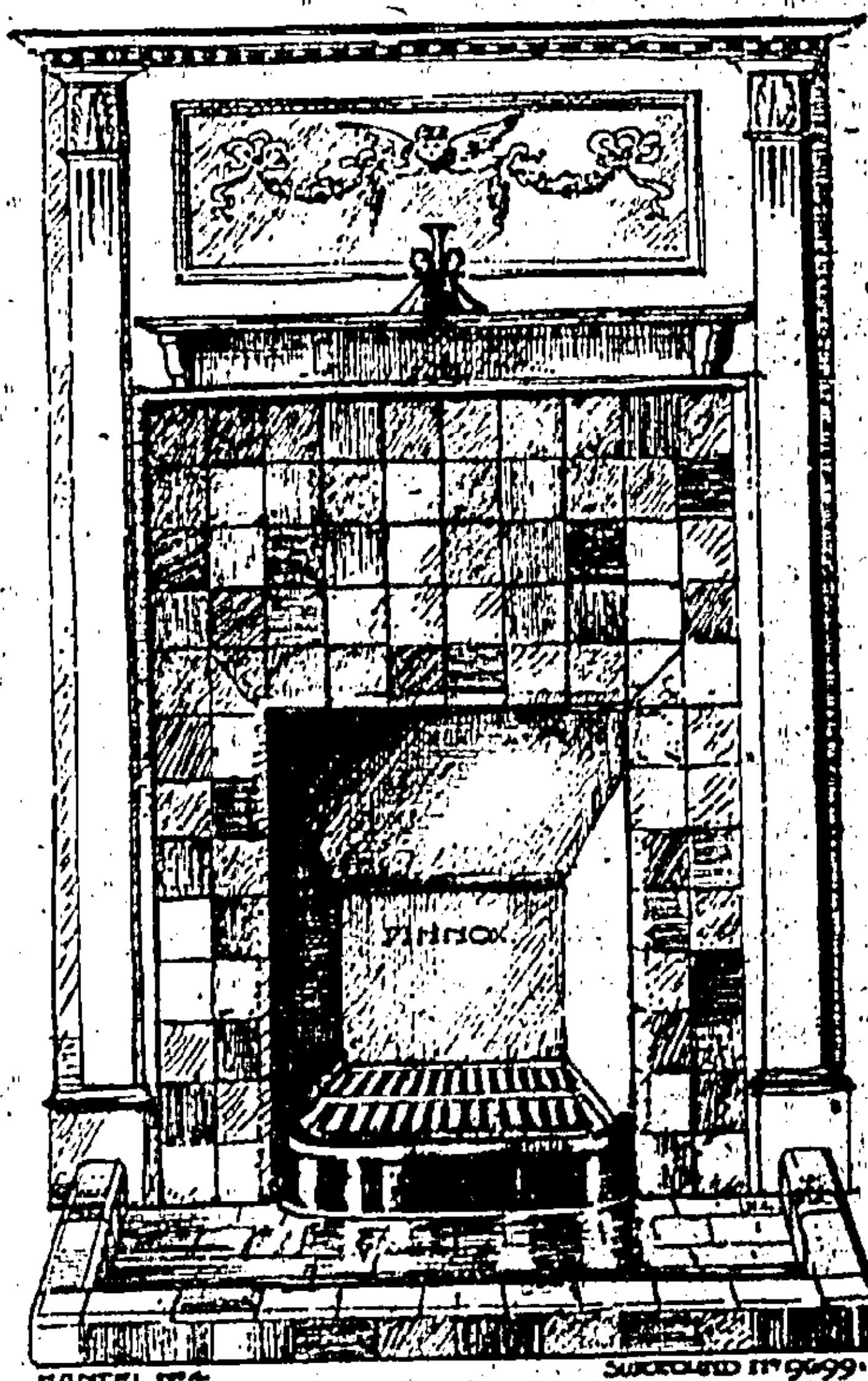


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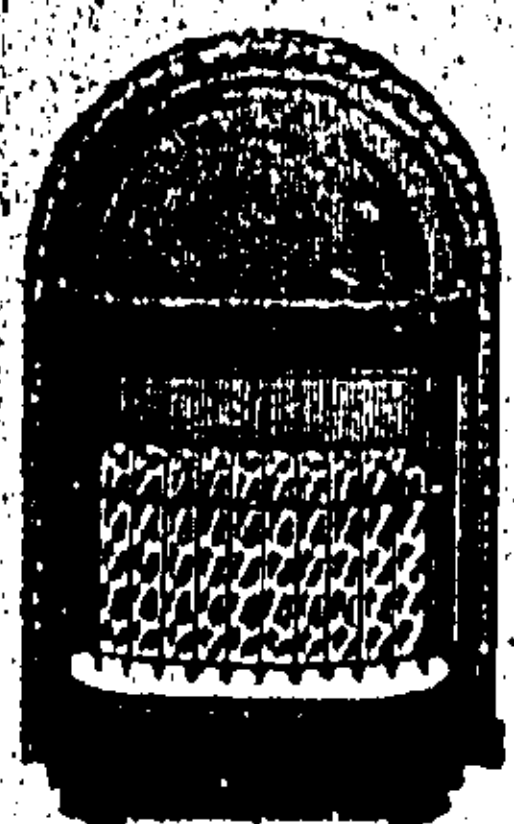
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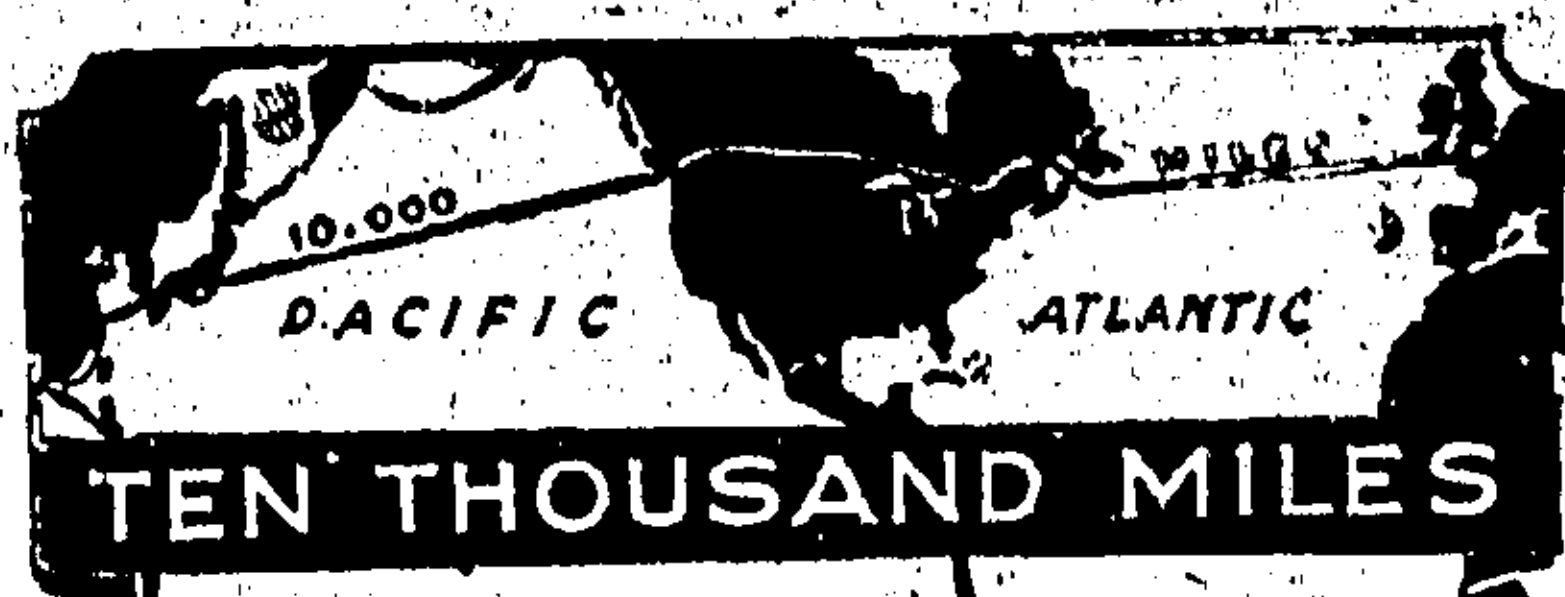
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"The General Managers have now to lay before the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1929, and Balance Sheet as at that date."

The Profit on Working Account, after deducting General Managers' Commission, is \$47,037.70, to which has to be added Interest amounting to \$602.31. But after providing for Depreciation and charging Consulting Committee's and Auditors' Fees, Instalment and Interest for the year, on account of Sinking Fund to replace Value of Concession, Loss on Sales of Old Machinery, etc., there is a net Loss of \$10,015.92. This amount, transferred to General Profit and Loss Account, makes the balance at debit of that Account \$63,001.68.

Consulting Committee:—In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. O. A. da Rosa and Mr. S. M. Churn retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The Accounts in Hongkong have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Selh and Fleming, who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

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ROAST PORK DEALERS.

THREE ARRESTED FOR SELLING PIG ENTRAILS.

The question as to whether a roast pork dealer was entitled to sell pig entrails was brought up before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, when Mr. J. M. Hall appeared on behalf of three Chinese who were charged with selling fresh pork outside their premises.

Mr. Hall produced a document to his Worship and remarked that it was a general permit issued to the roast pork dealers in 1907 permitting them to sell pig entrails. The speaker mentioned that in 1909, action was taken against a shop keeper but the defendant was discharged.

Mr. Hall pointed out that the entrails of pigs, which were slaughtered for roasting, had to be sold fresh and since the case of 1909, no prosecution had been taken against dealers. It was not like competing with the stall holders of the market, as the defendants had not been selling fresh pork.

Mr. Hall drew his Worship's attention to the Ordinance and pointed out that the particular section under which the men were charged applied to butcher's meat. He argued that pig entrails, according to the definition of the word in Webster's Dictionary, was not meat.

His Worship: You say that any liver, kidney, etc., is not butchers' meat?

Mr. Hall: That's my submission.

His Worship: I think I am against you there.

Secondly, Mr. Hall submitted that the permit produced, entitled the defendants to sell entrails.

Sub-Inspector James said that they were prepared to admit that the permit covered the sale of entrails by roast pork dealers. He agreed that the dealers had to

NORTH CHINA WAR.

SHANSI TROOPS NOW TAKING THE FIELD.

Peking, Dec. 24.

Yen Hsi-shan appears to be following up his recent words with actions.

During the past three days Shansi troops have been pouring southward of the province. Large numbers are now massed on the north bank of the Yellow River from where they will shortly pass over to occupy Chengchow and take part in the campaign against Tang Song-chi, who is being penned in between Haichang and Yencheng on the Peking-Hankow line, striving to draw out his men to retreat towards Shensi.

Taiyuanfu messages declare that Shansi troops are entering Honan "for the suppression of the reorganisationists."—Reuter.

sell the entrails after pigs had been slaughtered for roasting and intimated that it would be a hardship for them if they were required to obtain a permit to sell fresh pork in order to dispose of the entrails.

The Inspector went so far as to say that Sanitary Inspectors had received instructions to permit the sale of pig entrails by roast pork dealers provided the entrails were sold inside and not outside the premises. It was tacitly understood that the dealers would not be prosecuted if they complied with certain sanitary conditions. In the present case it was argued that the sale had taken place outside the shop.

Mr. Hall argued that the pork, although hanging at the door of the premises, was not outside the shops.

It was decided that the Court should visit the places concerned. His Worship adjourned the cases nine die.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
WIND, WINE, WILE, WALE,
GALE.

Once more the very handy little diary issued by the P. and O. and British India Companies comes to hand. With it is a calendar for 1930 depicting the P. and O. Mollathia and the B. I. Mollathia at Marseilles. The Tajmahal Silk Store calendar is quite an elaborate affair.

TRAFFIC SUMMONS.

EUROPEAN PARTIES IN COURT CASE.

A summons against Mr. E. F. R. Sample, the architect, for negligent driving, which is alleged to have occurred in Stubbs Road, on the evening of December 11, was heard before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. W. C. Clark, of the Telephone Company, said that at 7.30 on the evening in question he was proceeding up Stubbs Road, driving his car No. 2477, accompanied by his wife in the front seat. Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. R. V. Harris and Mr. A. E. Clarke were in the rear seat. He was going about 18 miles an hour, more than half-way between Sir Robert Ho Tung's residence and Magazine Gap, when they overtook an Austin Seven and passed it on being given the signal. Just after this, as he was approaching a blind corner, overtook by a high car, a yellow two-seater (identified as that of Mr. Sample) shot past at high speed and cut across him in front. Witness took his foot off the accelerator to slow down and avoid crashing into Mr. Sample's car. Had witness held to his original speed he would assuredly have crashed into the yellow car, which apart from other considerations, was, in his opinion, driving dangerously fast. Witness heard no horn and gave no signal whatever, which might have been taken as an invitation to the yellow car to proceed ahead.

Replying to Mr. Hamilton, witness said that if a pedestrian had appeared round the corner he would have been run down by Mr. Sample's car, or Mr. Sample would have had to swerve more than he did in witness's way.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defendant, questioned witness on his motor-driving experience, and the latter said that he had driven a car for nine years without a crash. His car was a five-seater Erskine saloon, he being enclosed at the wheel as were the other occupants. Completely absorbed in driving the car, he could not say if the other occupants were talking at the time of the incident.

Replying to another question, witness said that he was positive no horn was sounded, and saw no lights which would have given him some sort of warning.

Before the case adjourned, Mr. Lo said that Mr. Sample's case would be that before he accelerated and overtook Mr. Clark, he could see so far ahead as to pass Mr. Clark safely; that he judged he could do so safely, and in point of fact he did so.

The proceedings were adjourned until New Year's Eve.

LOAN TO ARGENTINE.

BARING BROTHERS' OFFER ACCEPTED.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 24.
The Government accept the offer of Messrs. Baring Brothers for a loan of five million sterling, available on January 1, 1930.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE HAICHING PIRACY.

SUGGESTION FOR AIDING DEFENCE OF SHIPS.

The Haiching piracy teaches no new lesson, so far as can be seen at present, remarks *Shipping and Engineering*. The ship complied with the provisions of the Hongkong anti-piracy ordinances. She, like all the Douglas boats, is so constructed as to facilitate anti-piracy measures, and with every precaution that could have been taken, seemingly taken, the Bina Bay desperadoes, in attempting to seize her, suffered their first complete defeat since the present period of piracy, which began with the attack on the China Merchants' Kwanglee in December, 1921, first commenced. Until we get the full account of what happened, it would be invidious to criticise anything or to offer suggestions; but without abandoning that principle we feel justified in calling attention to one suggestion that has been made in Shanghai which may be worth the careful consideration of the authorities. It appears that all the fighting on the Haiching, between the pirates and the defenders of the ship, took place in utter darkness, which not only made more difficult the task of defence and exposed the defenders to added risks (as witness the shooting of Mr. Woodward under cover of darkness), but which also increased the inevitable horror and confusion among the passengers. The suggestion is to the effect that four clusters of cargo lights or lights of focussing pattern be installed as permanent fixtures on the bridge deck, each cluster to be fitted to the deck head fore and aft just inside the entrance gate, and the angle of reflection so arranged that, on the controlling switch, which is placed on the bridge and not in the engine-room, being pressed by the officer of the watch, the whole of the fore and aft decks would be a blaze of light, while the "midship section" would be in comparative darkness.

Advantage to Defenders.

This would be a great advantage to the defenders and a serious disadvantage to the attackers, in that the former would be more or less out of sight and the latter plainly visible whenever they ventured into the open. A further advantage of this system would be that any ship with her decks in a blaze of light would be visible for many miles in clear weather; and if all ships likely to receive the attentions of pirates were so fitted, any ship of this class, on seeing another ship with her bridge-deck clusters alight, would know immediately that something serious was wrong, and take steps accordingly. How, in the case of the Haiching, such an arrangement would have assisted the defenders can easily be imagined. The objection has been put forward that the lights could easily be shot away. That, probably, is not so. If each cluster consisted of six or eight lamps, it would take a lot of shooting and a lot of marksmanship to put even one cluster completely out of action, and while the attackers were trying to do so they would have to expose themselves and be at the mercy of the defenders on the bridge, who would have the inestimable advantage of being themselves in comparative gloom. Such clusters would, of course, have to be inside that portion of the ship protected by grilles. Undoubtedly, at the investigation which will be held in Hongkong, any lessons which the piracy has taught will be taken note of, and it may be that the above suggestion is already under consideration. At the present time, it is purely incidental, but the persons who have made it know their subject so well that we have no hesitation in submitting it to the Hongkong Government for whatever consideration it may merit.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 20th December, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 31st January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage Period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the 24th December, 1929 at 10 a.m.

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L. LESDOS,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1929.

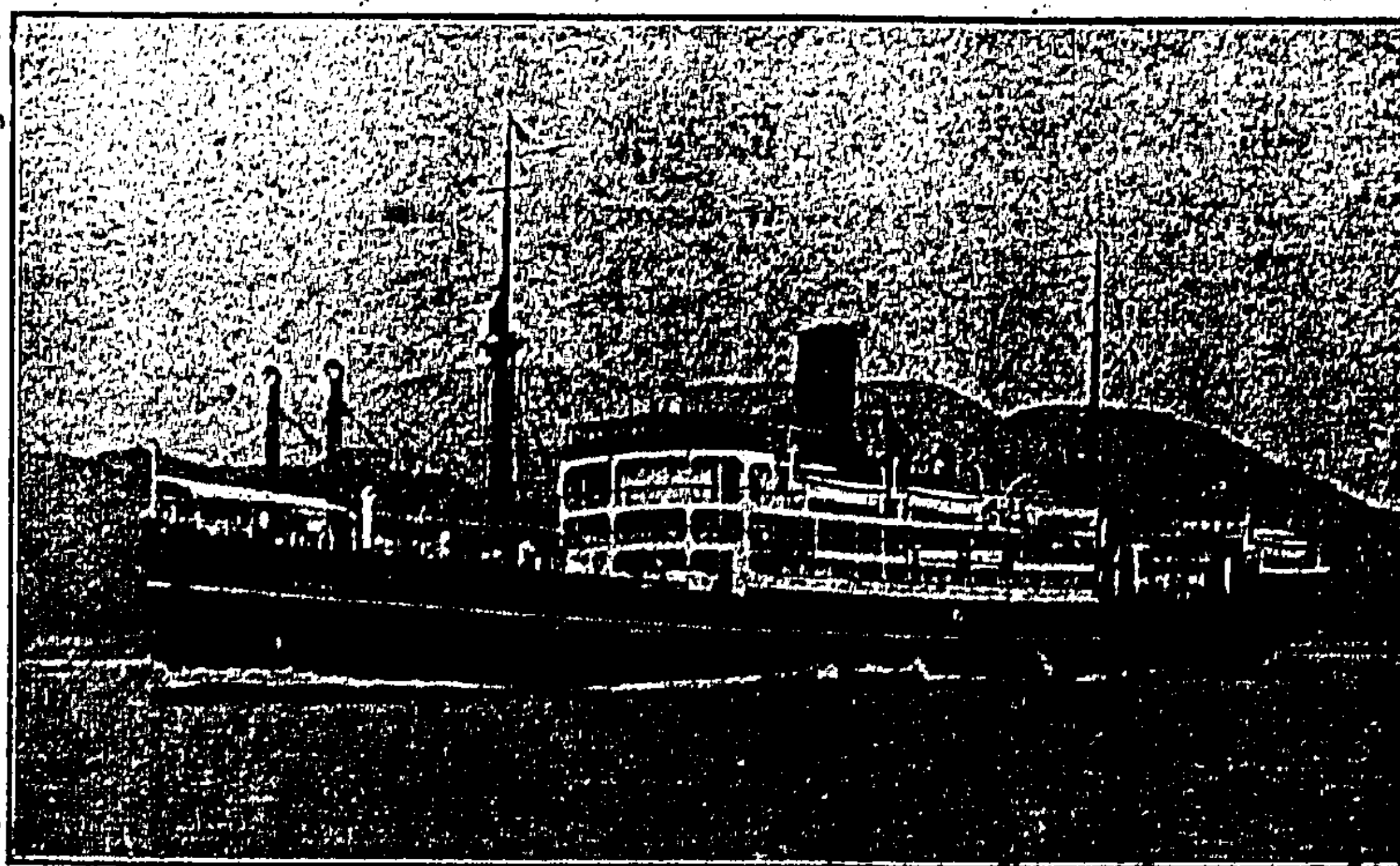
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TALMA	10,000	28th Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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MANTUA	10,946	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NELLORE	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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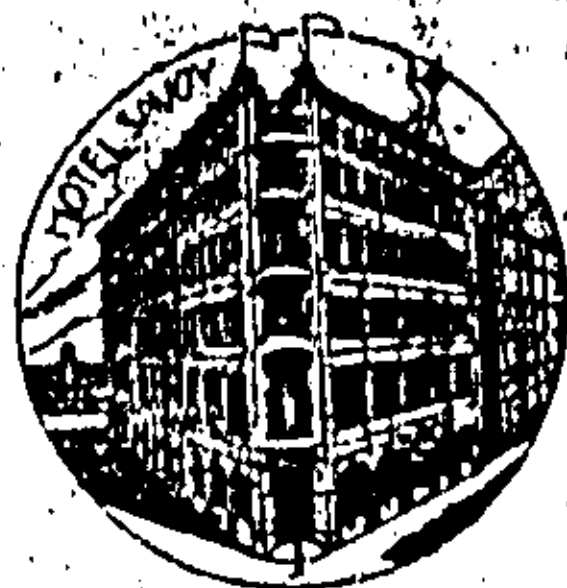
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SINGAPORE BASE DISCUSSED.

CONFLICTING VIEWS IN
PARLIAMENT.

DOMINIONS' RIGHTS.

London, Dec. 24.
Firstly, the Conservative conten-
tion that Japan is situated as far
from Singapore as America is from
England, and therefore the Base
cannot be a menace to Japan;
secondly, the Liberal argument that
the Base could only be a protection
against the Japanese, yet, in the
event of an Anglo-Japanese war,
no base could enable our commerce
to pass from the East to the West,
and therefore the Government
would be wise to drop the project
altogether.

The foregoing were the principal
arguments on both sides during a
debate on the Singapore Base in
the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions
Secretary in the Baldwin Adminis-
tration, argued that whatever de-
gree of disarmament was achieved
at the forthcoming Conference, the
Navy would still require bases in
order to be mobile and as long as
the Empire remained geographically
as at present.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord
of the Admiralty, replying, dwell
on the Dominions' aspect of the
Base. He said nothing would be
allowed to arise at the Naval Con-
ference which would deny the
rights of constituent parts of the
British Commonwealth to look
after their own interests.

Mr. Alexander further pointed
out that all the Dominions concern-
ed would be directly represented at
the Conference. He regretted that
on the eve of Christmas, when all
should be praying for peace and
goodwill, they had so many unne-
cessary references to warlike subjects.
—*Reuter.*

POSSESSION OF \$100 FORGERIES.

DEFENDANT PLEADS
IGNORANCE.

A charge of being in possession
of three forged Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank notes of the value
of \$100 each was brought against
an unemployed Chinese before Mr.
Whyte Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning.

His Worship asked if the notes
were good or bad imitations and
on inspection intimated that being
of such a high denomination as
\$100 he did not know much about
them.

Detective Sergeant Fowle, who
prosecuted, remarked that he
seldom handled such high notes
but intimated that they might
deceive the ordinary user.

His Worship remarked that any-
body might be in possession of
three forged notes without know-
ing that they were counterfeit and
remanded the defendant until to-
morrow for evidence to be taken,
the defendant pleading that he
did not know the notes were
forgeries.

MRS. McEWEN HURT IN ACCIDENT.

MOTOR COLLISION ON THE
TAIPO ROAD.

Police Sergeant R. McEwen and
his wife were involved in a most
regrettable accident Christmas
Eve, as a result of which Mrs.
McEwen had to receive attention
at the Kowloon Hospital.

From an official report it appears
that Mei Sai On, the second forest-
er of the Botanical and Forestry
Department, was being driven in
a police car along the Taiipo road
and when near the five mile stone,
came into collision with Sergeant
McEwen, who was driving a motor
cycle combination in the opposite
direction.

The accident occurred on a bend
in the road, and unfortunately
Mrs. McEwen, who was in the side
car, received a severe shaking
and slight injuries, for which she
was treated at the Kowloon
Hospital.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN PARLIAMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

—and retorted that if Mr.
Churchill had adopted his
(Mr. Snowden's) methods at
the Hague in the negotiations
with France and Italy he
might have made more favour-
able settlements of the war debts.
As regards domestic finance, if
Mr. Churchill's budgets had been
Company balance sheets the ex-
Chancellor would have found
himself in the dock.

Mr. Snowden closed the match
by wishing his antagonist a merry
Christmas and a prosperous New
Year.

The House eventually adjourned,
and will re-assemble on
January 21st.—*Reuter.*

AIRMAN-EXPLORER MISSING.

WRECKED IN SUCCOURING
FROZEN-IN SHIP.

SOVIET JOIN SEARCH.

New York, Dec. 25.
Senator Borah has appealed to
the Soviet Government to assist
the United States' authorities in
the search for Lieutenant Eielson,
the well-known Norwegian airman-
explorer, who in the middle of
November set out from Nome,
Alaska; on a series of flights in a
gallant attempt to rescue traders
and the crew of a furship which
was reported to be frozen in off
the Siberian coast.

All those aboard the vessel are
in extreme peril while the ship
itself is carrying an extremely
valuable cargo.

Lieutenant Eielson after a series
of flights relieving the crew, went
out again a few days ago and his
aeroplane was wrecked during the
journey while midway between the
furship and Nome.

Searches for the missing air-
man have so far proved unavailing.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

Moscow, Dec. 25.
M. Shestakoff, the Russian air-
man, who recently flew from
Moscow to New York, has been in-
structed to proceed to Cape
Northern, in the Arctic region, to
assist in the search for Lieutenant
Eielson.—*Reuter.*

SHANSI ARMY ON THE MOVE.

JOINING ATTACK AGAINST
TANG SENG-CHI.

REBELS PENNED IN.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
Marshal Yen Hsi-shan appears
to be following up his recent
words, avowing his support of the
National Government, by actions.

During the past three days,
Shansi troops have been pouring
to the south of the Province.

Large numbers are now massed
along the North Bank of the
Yellow River from where they
will shortly be passing over to
occupy Chengchow to take part in
the campaign against General
Tang Seng-chi, who is being pen-
ned in between Hsuehchang and
Yencheng, on the Peking-Hankow
Railway. He is striving to draw
his men out of the trap and to re-
treat with them into Shensi.

Messages from Taiyuanfu state
that the Shansi troops are en-
tering Honan for the purpose of
"suppressing the Keorqianli-
tionists."—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Dec. 25.
It is stated that hundreds of
rebels under General Tang Seng-
chi have deserted in the past two
or three days and that after dis-
carding their arms they have been
making their way into Hupeh.

Thousands of Nanking troops
have arrived at Chengchow. They
are under the command of
Generals Liu Chun-yung, Liu
Chen-hui and Hsu Yuen-chuen.

THE RUSSO-CHINESE QUESTION.

PERSIA DISINCLINED TO
INTERVENE.

Teheran, Dec. 25.
The Persian Government has

declined to act on the suggestion
of the United States that, as a
signatory to the Kellogg Pact, it
should make representations to the
Russian and Chinese Governments
with a view to bringing about a
peaceful conclusion to the Russo-
Chinese dispute.

The Government declares that
as Persia has no diplomatic re-
lations with China and the dispute
is already nearing a peaceful set-
tlement, it does not think it ad-
visable to intervene.—*Reuter.*

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London, Dec. 24.
General Smuts has sailed for
New York. He is to speak at Ot-
tawa, New York, Boston, Yale Uni-
versity, and possibly at Cincinnati,
Chicago and Philadelphia.

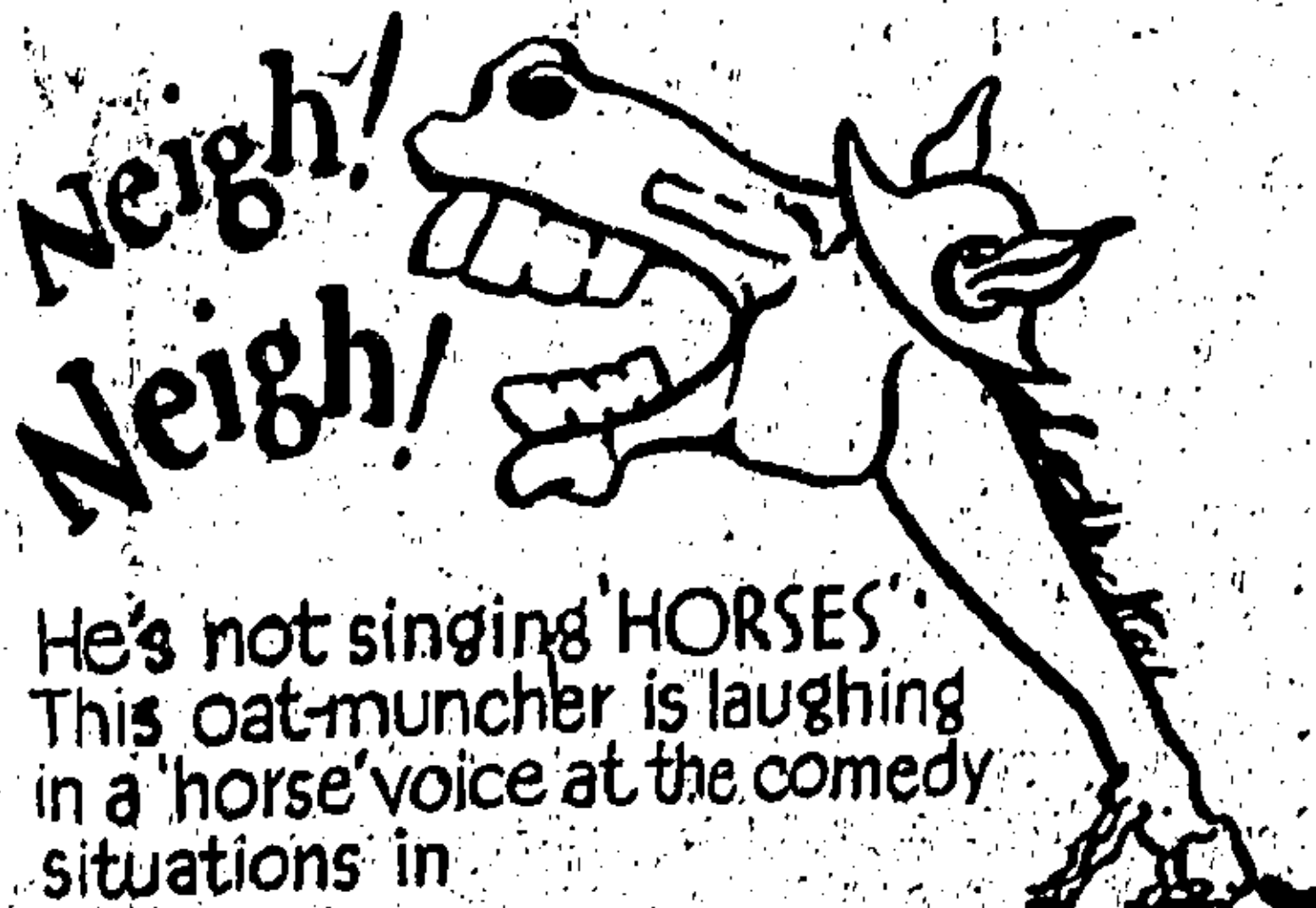
He will spend three days at
Washington, returning to England
in January, en route to the Cape.
—*Reuter.*

THE NEW AMERICAN MINISTER.

MR. JOHNSON SHORTLY TO
TAKE UP POST.

Nanking, Dec. 23.
Dr. C. C. Wu reports that the
new United States Minister to
China, Mr. Nelson Johnson, is leav-
ing on January 11 on the President
Grant en route to Peking, via
Japan, before presenting his
credentials at Nanking.—*Canton
News Agency.*

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